



## **Now's the time to put together your family's emergency supply kit**

Central Texas weather is unpredictable, to say the least.

That's why it's crucial to be prepared for any possible scenario.

Earlier this month, for example, residents at Santa Rita lost power for several hours one evening, leaving them to put dinner together and perform other tasks in less-than-ideal conditions. Thanks to their creativity and determination, they were able to easily make it through this hiccup in the Austin Energy system.

Would you be able to do the same? By assembling an emergency supply kit, you'll have all the essentials you and your family could possibly need to make it through anything from an extended power outage to summertime rainstorms to wintertime icing and snow.

Below you'll find lists suggested by the City of Austin to help you put together a basic emergency supply kit. Don't delay ... assemble your kit today.

For more disaster preparedness tips, visit [readycentraltexas.org](http://readycentraltexas.org). To learn what to do during a power outage, visit the [Austin Energy website](#).

# Make a Basic Emergency Supply Kit

English

- Basic first aid kit, seven-day supply of medications/medical items
- Map(s) of the area
- Extra cash (suggested: \$200 in small bills)
- Spare change of clothes
- Spare car/home key
- Family and emergency contact info (phone and email)
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, tags, food, bowl)
- Copies of personal documents in water-tight bag
- 1 gallon of water per person, per day (7-day supply)
- 7-day supply of non-perishable food, can opener
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Cell phone, charger(s), flashlight, extra batteries
- Sanitation, personal hygiene items, blankets
- Wrench or plier
- Other tools or equipment you may need

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## Es momento de armar el kit de suministros de emergencia

El clima en el centro de Texas es impredecible, por decir lo menos.

Por eso es crucial estar preparado para cualquier posible escenario.

A principios de este mes, por ejemplo, los residentes de Santa Rita se quedaron sin electricidad durante varias horas una noche, lo que los obligó a preparar la cena y realizar otras tareas en condiciones menos que ideales. Gracias a su creatividad y determinación, pudieron superar fácilmente este contratiempo en el sistema de **Austin Energy**.

¿Podrías hacer lo mismo? Al armar un kit de suministros de emergencia, tendrás todos los elementos esenciales que tú y tu familia podrían necesitar para superar desde un corte prolongado de electricidad hasta tormentas de lluvia en verano o heladas y nevadas en invierno.

A continuación, encontrarás listas sugeridas por la Ciudad de Austin para ayudarte a armar un kit básico de suministros de emergencia. No lo dejes para después... arma tu kit hoy mismo.

Para obtener más consejos sobre cómo prepararse para desastres, visita [readycentraltexas.org](http://readycentraltexas.org). Para saber qué hacer durante un corte de electricidad, visita el sitio web de [Austin Energy](http://Austin Energy).

# Prepare un Kit Básico para Emergencias

Spanish

- Kit básico de primeros auxilios, suministro de siete días de medicinas/artículos médicos
- Mapa(s) del área
- Dinero efectivo extra (sugerencia: \$200 en billetes chicos)
- Cambio extra de ropa
- Llaves extra del auto/casa
- Contactos familiares y de emergencias (teléfono y email)
- Suministros para mascotas (collar, correa, etiqueta de contacto, alimentos, recipiente)
- Copias de documentos personales en bolsa impermeable
- Galón de agua para cada persona, por día (suficiente 1 para 7-días)
- 7-días de alimentos no perecederos, abrelatas
- Radio de baterías o de mano (manivela) (Radio del servicio Meteorológico/NOAA)
- Cargador(es) de teléfono celular, linterna eléctrica, y baterías extra
- Artículos de sanidad, de higiene personal, cobijas
- Llave (wrench) o alicate/pinzas (plyer)
- Otras herramientas y equipo que pudiera necesitar

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## Leaders of HACA Resident Councils gather to share strategies

**Resident Council presidents and vice presidents** from all PBRA properties stopped by **HACA headquarters** on Aug. 15 to have breakfast with HACA **President and CEO Michael Gerber**, as well as **Board of Commissioners Chairman Carl S. Richie Jr.**

Residents were given the opportunity to **share updates** from their properties and **surrounding neighborhoods**.

**Community safety** was also addressed. With the rapid population growth in Austin, some – but not all – categories of crimes are on the rise. HACA staff stressed the **importance of building strong relationships** with the **Austin Police Department**, taking part in **resident safety ambassador programs** and supporting the **Apartment Residents on Watch (AROW)** campaign.

**National Night Out**, another great **opportunity to combat crime**, is just around the corner on **Oct. 1**.

**Safety is a shared responsibility** between HACA, community partners and, most importantly, residents. An **active Neighborhood Watch**, spearheaded by residents, is the **best strategy** to keep HACA families safe.



Members of HACA's various Resident Councils gathered this month to discuss a variety of topics.

## **As HACA students head back to school, meet a few more Class of '24 scholars**

Before we get too far into the new school year, we've got a few more HACA Class of 2024 graduates to salute.

They are:

- Barbie Reyes, Austin Community College
- Daniel Reyes, East Austin College Prep
- Charles Floyd and Diamond Thompson, Eastside Early College High School

Speaking of back to school, HACA properties distributed a plethora of school supplies earlier this month. Booker T. Washington residents also got new socks, thanks to a generous donation.

Good luck to our HACA students! We can't wait to see all that you achieve in this new school year.



Here are just a few of our HACA shining stars who excelled during the 2023-24 school year.

## RentCafe rollout continues at HACA properties

Ready ... set ... go!

**RentCafe**, a new, **safe** way to **pay rent** each month and to **submit maintenance requests**, has gone live at **Coronado Hills, Gaston, Santa Rita, Meadowbrook and Salina**. **Early participation** from residents at these communities has been **phenomenal**.

**Additional HACA properties will soon be up and running** with RentCafe. Keep an eye out for **blue-and-orange fliers and posters** at **your property** to learn more about when you'll be able to **access this new, easy-to-use system**.



# Seize your opportunity: Register for new FSS program

Quick reminder for HACA PBRA families: the FSS program is now open to residents at a number of HACA properties.

Thanks to a U.S. HUD grant earlier this year, residents can sign up for FSS at these properties:

- Pathways at Booker T. Washington
- Pathways at Chalmers East and West
- Pathways at Goodrich
- Pathways at Manchaca Village
- Pathways at Manchaca II
- Pathways at Bouldin Oaks
- Pathways at Shadowbend
- Pathways at Santa Rita Courts
- Pathways at Coronado Hills
- Pathways at Northgate
- Pathways at Georgian Manor



To register, or for more information, contact the HACA Resident and Client Support Center at 512-588-8298 or email [fss\\_pathways@hacanet.org](mailto:fss_pathways@hacanet.org).

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## Bringing healthy choices and support closer to home

HACA is excited to share these **valuable resources** to enrich the **health and well-being** of our residents. Embrace a variety of support services designed with you in mind:

**Fresh and Affordable Produce:** Explore local farmers markets where **Lone Star SNAP and WIC benefits** are accepted. Make your grocery budget go further with the **Double Up Food Bucks program**, which doubles the amount of fresh produce you can purchase. Visit **Sustainable Food Center** website [HERE](#) for more information.

**Baby Formula Assistance:** If you have infants or young children, assistance with **baby formula** is available to ensure your little ones receive the nutrition they need. Check out the flyer [HERE](#) for more details.

**Food Pantry Access:** No one should have to worry about their next meal. Access the **food pantry** available through the **Austin Public Health Neighborhood Services Unit** [HERE](#) and fill your pantry with nutritious food options.

**Self-Sufficiency and Case Management:** Take control of your future with **Self-Sufficiency and Case Management** services. From **job search assistance** to **budget counseling**, gain the tools and guidance to thrive. Find more information

on becoming self sufficient click [HERE](#).

**Holistic Support:** Find information and access to **Neighborhood Centers** that provide a suite of services to cover various needs, from basic necessities to personal development [HERE](#).

Each of these services is a step towards a healthier, more sustainable lifestyle.

For more information on how to access these resources, please refer to the flyers provided or get in touch with the **Resident and Client Support Center**.

Let's continue to build a supportive and nourishing community together.

### **Got a story? Share it with OneVoice!**

If you or someone you know has a story of triumph, community, or growth at HACA, we'd love to feature it. Your story could inspire our community in the OneVoice newsletter. Contact our communications team to share. Let's celebrate our stories together!

Contact us



### **IMPORTANT HACA Phone Numbers**

<b>HACA Administration</b>	<b>(512) 477-4488</b>
<b>Maintenance Work Orders</b>	<b>(512) 477-8518</b>
<b>Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher</b>	<b>(512) 477-1314</b>
<b>Fire/Police</b>	<b>call 911</b>
<b>Non-Emergency Police</b>	<b>call 311</b>
<b>Poison Center</b>	<b>(800) 222-1222</b>
<b>Quit Smoking</b>	<b>(877) 937-7848</b>

HACA RESIDENT & CLIENT SUPPORT CENTER:

**(512) 588-8298**

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