

BASIC READY KIT

The following are the minimum items required for operating during a disaster or exercise for ARES members. Any ready kit should be packed for a 72 hour period. Ready kits are a personal thing. One should add or delete items from any ready kit as they feel appropriate as long as additions or deletions do not detract from communications.

- TWO METER HANDHELD (DUAL BAND RECOMMENDED)
- SPARE RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES
- STANDARD BATTERY CHARGER
- 2-METER MAGMOUNT
- COAXIAL DIPOLE OR RIBBON CABLE J POLE ANTENNA AND COAX
- EAR-PHONE
- DRIVERS LICENSE
- COUNTY EMA/ARES ID BADGE
- STATE FIRST RESPONDER ID BADGE (if issued)
- COPY OF CURRENT AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE
- APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS
 - COUNTY ARES EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN
 - OTHER COUNTY ARES DOCUMENTS/PLANS
- APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR CURRENT AND FORCASTED WEATHER CONDITIONS
- APPROPRIATE FORMS
 - ICS-309A
 - ICS-214A
 - ICS-213
 - ARRL RADIOGRAMS
- PENS AND PENCILS
- CLIPBOARD
- NOTEPAD
- FOOD AND WATER
- FLASHLIGHT (AA) (WITH SPARE BATTERIES)
- POCKET KNIFE
- ROLL OF ELECTRICAL TAPE
- PERSONAL FIRST AID KIT
- TEN DOLLARS IN BILLS AND CHANGE
- PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES
- PATENT MEDICINES
- SPARE EYEGASSES
- ALARM CLOCK
- PERSONAL TOILETRIES

INTERMEDIATE READY KIT

The following are items for an intermediate ready kit for ARES members.

All items contained in the basic ready kit, plus:

For the handheld radio:

- SPEAKER/MIC OR HEADSET WITH BOOM MIC
- ALKALINE BATTERY SHELL
- THREE CHANGES OF ALKALINE BATTERIES

Additional Equipment:

- TWO METER (DUAL BAND PREFERRED) MOBILE SYNTHESIZED RADIO (25 WATTS MINIMUM)
- POWER CABLE WITH CIGARETTE LIGHTER TO ARES CONNECTORS
- POWER CABLE WITH ALLIGATOR CLIPS TO ARES CONNECTORS
- SPARE FUSES FOR MOBILE RADIO
- POWER SUPPLY FOR RADIO
- GELCELL OR LEAD ACID BATTERY (10 AMP/HR MINIMUM) WITH ARES (ANDERSON POWER POLE) CONNECTORS
- HEADPHONES
- "BART" OR TRIPOD FOR PORTABLE OPERATION
- 15 FEET OF MASTING
- QUARTER WAVE OR BETTER ANTENNA FOR PORTABLE OPERATION.
- 100 FEET OF RG-8X COAX (TWO 50 FOOT PIECES WITH PL-259 CONNECTORS AND BARREL ADAPTER)
- VARIOUS RF ADAPTERS FOR COAX
- EXTENSION CORD
- TWO TO THREE PRONGED AC ADAPTER
- PATENT MEDICINES (ASPIRIN, ANTACID, ETC.)
- BASIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT
 - ORANGE OR LIME GREEN SAFETY VEST WITH REFLECTIVE STRIPES (ANSI Type II or III)
 - HARD HAT
 - SAFETY GOGGLES
 - WORK GLOVES
 - SAFETY BOOTS (STEEL TOE)
 - PARTICLE MASKS
 - SUNGLASSES (PLASTIC LENSES)
 - COVERALLS
 - BROAD BRIMMED HAT (SUMMER & RAINY WEATHER)
 - BLOUSING GARTERS OR THICK RUBBER BANDS (FOR INSECT PROTECTION IN THE FIELD)
 - RAIN SUIT OR PONCHO (ORANGE OR YELLOW)
 - LEATHERMAN TYPE POCKET SURVIVAL TOOL
 - SPACE (EMERGENCY) BLANKET
 - SUN SCREEN
 - MOSQUITO REPELLENT

- SAFETY CONES (VEHICLE)
- SMALL FIRE EXTINGUISHER (VEHICLE)

ADVANCED READY KIT

The following are items for an advanced ready kit for ARES members.

All items contained in the intermediate ready kit, plus:

- HF RADIO SYSTEM WITH POWER SUPPLY CAPABLE OF OPERATIONS ON 80 THROUGH 10 METERS
- BACKUP POWER SYSTEM THAT WILL OPERATE INDEPENDENT OF THE COMMERCIAL MAINS (BATTERY, GENERATOR OR OTHER POWER SOURCE)
- PORTABLE HF ANTENNA SYSTEM FOR 80 THROUGH 10 METER OPERATION
- AC POWER STRIP
- DC POWER STRIP WITH ARES CONNECTORS (ANDERSON POWER POLE CONNECTORS)
- DUCT TAPE
- SHELTER (TENT & SLEEPING BAG)
- PORTABLE STOVE, MESS KIT & EATING UTENSILS
- WATERPROOF MATCHES
- TOOLS
- SOLDERING IRON AND SOLDER
- VOM
- SWR BRIDGE OR DIRECT WATTMETER
- FOLDING SHOVEL
- SLEDGE HAMMER (3 POUND)
- HAND AXE
- FLAGGING TAPE