

The Twelve Days of Christmas



Disaster Services

Preparing Families for Disaster

Most people believe that on the First Day of Christmas the appropriate gift to give is a **PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE**. Well, the American Red Cross believes in building Disaster Resistant Neighborhoods during the Holiday Season as well during the Hurricane Season.

To help you in purchasing stocking stuffers and Christmas gifts designed to make individuals, families and the homes they live in as safe as possible, the American Red Cross has put together the following recommendations for gifts for the **Twelve Days Of Christmas**.

On the First Day of Christmas

On the First Day of Christmas the American Red Cross recommends that you purchase a **SMOKE ALARM**. Smoke Alarms should be installed on every level of a home: outside bedrooms on the ceiling or high on the wall, at the top of open stairways or at the bottom of enclosed stairs and near (but not in) the kitchen. It is important to check your Smoke Alarms every month and replace their batteries when Day Light Savings Time begins in the spring and ends in the fall.

On the Second Day of Christmas

On the Second Day of Christmas the American Red Cross recommends that you purchase a **CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM**. Carbon Monoxide Alarms should be placed in hallways throughout a home. They should also be placed in recreational vehicles and on boats.

On the Third Day of Christmas

On the Third Day of Christmas the American Red Cross recommends that you purchase a **FIRE EXTINGUISHER**. Install A-B-C type Fire Extinguishers in the home and teach all household members how to use them.

On the Fourth Day of Christmas

On the Fourth Day of Christmas the American Red Cross recommends that you purchase a **FIRE ESCAPE LADDER**. Homes with more than one floor should have at least one Fire Escape Ladder stored on all floors, other than ground level. These ladders should be stored where they are easily accessible.

On the Fifth Day of Christmas

On the Fifth Day of Christmas the American Red Cross recommends that you purchase a **FAMILY DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT**. A family will cope best by preparing for a disaster before it strikes. One way to prepare is by assembling a Family Disaster Supplies Kit. Once disaster hits, you won't have time shop and search for supplies.

On the Sixth Day of Christmas

On the Sixth Day of Christmas the American Red Cross recommends that you assemble a **PET DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT**. Pets enrich the lives of individuals and families in more ways than you can count. In turn they depend on people for their safety and well-being. Having a Pet Disaster Supplies Kit is one of the best ways to care for pets when disaster strikes.

On the Seventh Day of Christmas

On the Seventh Day of Christmas the American Red Cross recommends that you purchase a **WEATHER RADIO**. As the voice of the National Weather Service, a Weather Radio provides continuous broadcasts of the latest weather information directly from a National Weather Services Forecast Office. During severe weather routine broadcasting is interrupted and special watch and warning messages are issued.

On the Eighth Day of Christmas

On the Eighth Day of Christmas the American Red Cross recommends that you purchase a **FIRST AID KIT**. Because the first five minutes of a medical emergency are critical every individual and family should have a First Aid Kit in their home and vehicle and on their boat.

On the Ninth Day of Christmas

On the Ninth Day of Christmas the American Red Cross recommends that you attend **FIRST AID AND CPR TRAINING**. For more than a century the American Red Cross has been saving lives with Health and Safety Services education programs. A unique idea for a Christmas stocking would be a Gift Certificate for a First Aid and CPR Training course.

On the Tenth Day of Christmas

On the Tenth Day of Christmas the American Red Cross recommends that you purchase **HOUSE NUMBERS**. Each home should have its number posted clearly on the front door, over the doorway, or elsewhere on the front so emergency responders can easily locate it. Lives and property can be saved simply by adequate house numbers where emergency workers can find them.

On the Eleventh Day of Christmas

On the Eleventh Day of Christmas the American Red Cross recommends that you purchase a **FLASHLIGHT**. As simple as a Flashlight is, it can become a very important tool during and after disaster strikes. Every Family Disaster Supplies Kit should contain a Flashlight and spare batteries.

On the Twelfth Day of Christmas

On the Twelfth Day of Christmas the American Red Cross recommends that you create a **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS** list. Each home should have a list of Emergency Phone Numbers posted near the phone or in the front of a phone book.

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