

Preparedness Stocking Stuffers

Still looking for holiday gift ideas? What better way to say happy holidays than to give the gift of preparedness to your family and friends? The onset of winter is a critical time for safety preparation. Several items that are critical in emergencies also make good gifts to store in a [disaster supply kit](#). Download FEMA's "[Preparedness on a Shoestring](#)" activity module for cost-effective ways to create disaster kits on a budget. Many of the items may be found around your home including:

- Adhesive bandages of various sizes;
- Two pairs of sterile gloves; and
- Antibiotic ointment.

The gift of [preparedness can mean more](#) than the basic supply kit! If it becomes necessary to boil water during an emergency, consider giving a tea kettle as a gift. Tea kettles are better at boiling water than pots and pans because they are enclosed and the metal interiors allow for more even heating. A solar charging unit for charging and powering electronic devices would also make a good stocking stuffer. They range in size from pocket-size to fold-out panel and are powered by the sun, making them useful on clear days when electricity is unavailable.

For more preparedness gift-giving ideas this holiday, visit [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

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