

# Your Ham Radio Go Kit

(From 'Ham Radio For Dummies')

**Would you be ready if a call came from your local ARES group to provide some ham radio expertise for a day or so?**

Items in the following list are the basics of what should be in your radio go kit.

- Dual-band (VHF/UHF) handheld radio and manual
- Full-size flexible whip antenna
- Copy of your Federal Communications Commission (FCC) license and any ARES IDs
- Mag-mount antenna with necessary adapters for connecting to various connectors
- Extra battery packs and charger
- AA-cell battery pack if available and fresh batteries
- AC power supply and cigarette-plug cord with spare fuses
- Headset with microphone (preferred) or speaker-mic
- Copy of your local ARES frequencies, phone numbers, and procedures
- Pocket knife and/or multipurpose tool
- Flashlight or headlamp and spare batteries
- Pencil and notebook, clipboard, and permanent marker
- Duct tape, electrical tape, and a few small cable ties
- Cash for food, gas, and telephone calls (about \$20 in small bills and change)

Now is a good time to check your supplies and be prepared!

Don't forget to put together a personal go kit, too.