

AFTER



- As soon as the ashfall diminishes, scrape off the ash that has accumulated on the rooftops to prevent collapse.



- After removing the ash, clean the roof and gutter with water to prevent corrosion.



- Remove ash from windows and doors of the house and car. Use water before washing them with soap and lukewarm water.



- Collect the ashes and put them in an area far from water drainage to avoid clogging.

- Wash grass before feeding the animals or livestock.



- Boil water before drinking.



- Use powder detergent in washing clothes covered in ash.



- Use a vacuum cleaner or shake the furniture to loosen and clean the ash. Cover your nose and mouth while cleaning.

ASHFALL PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

What to do BEFORE, DURING and AFTER



Volcanic ash are very fine particles of rock erupted explosively into the air by a volcano. Because of its fine size, abrasive and corrosive nature, ash can threaten the health of people and livestock, pose hazard to flying airplanes, damage electronics and machinery, interrupt services and utilities such as power, water supply and communication.

WHAT TO DO

BEFORE

- Listen to the radio for updates from authority when there is an impending eruption that may cause ashfall.
- Prepare emergency supply kit and place in an accessible area.

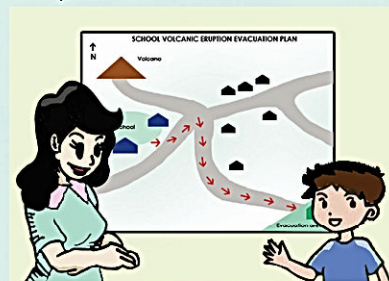
Basic items inside an emergency supply kit:



1. First aid kit and medications (alcohol, bandages, absorbent cotton, gauze, masks, adhesive plasters, medicine, tweezers)
2. Food
3. Bottled water
4. Flashlights and batteries
5. Radio (battery operated)
6. Lighters and matches
7. Whistle
8. Dust mask
9. Goggles
10. Knife
11. Blankets and spare clothes
12. Rope - at least 7 meters long
13. Plastic wrap (to keep ash out of electronics)
14. Toiletries
15. Pen and paper
16. Emergency contact numbers
17. Cash

- Prepare dust masks or clean cloth for covering the nose and goggles for eye protection.
- Prepare cleaning supplies such as broom, vacuum cleaner with spare bags and filters, and a shovel.
- Consider that you could be stuck in your vehicle, store emergency supplies in your vehicle.
- Have food and water provision for pets, poultry, and livestock.
- Know the location of evacuation area.

- If you have children, know the school's emergency plan.



- Have indoor games and activities ready for children.

DURING



- Stay calm. Stay indoors. Cover your nose and mouth with damp, clean cloth or dust mask.
- Close all windows and doors of your house and your car.
- Place damp towels or cloth at door openings and other open sources.



- Listen to the radio for updates/developments regarding the volcanic eruption.
- Keep your pet/s in their shelter or inside the house to avoid inhaling ash.
- If you are DRIVING a vehicle, pull to the side of the road and STOP if there is heavy ashfall which causes poor/low visibility.
- If OUTSIDE, look for a shelter and wear glasses to protect your eyes. Avoid using contact lenses.



- Wash all fruits and vegetables thoroughly before eating.



- Cover water containers and food to avoid contamination from ash.