

ARES Field Deployment “Go Kits” Checklist

VHF/UHF/Basics Kit

- 2-meter/dual band handheld radio and speaker/mic
- 2-meter/dual band mobile radio
- 2-meter/dual band magnetic mount antenna and/or base antenna with support
- Earphone or headset
- RF and audio connectors and adaptors
- Extra coaxial cables
- Alkaline battery pack for hand-held radio
- Tool kit with multi-meter and gas or DC soldering iron, solder
- Electrical and duct tape
- Power supplies
- Extension cords, plug strips
- Deep cycle or gel-cell (sealed lead-acid) battery
- Battery charger(s)
- SWR meter, (VHF, HF)
- Standard power connectors and adapters (30 amp PowerPole and the older Molex 1545)
- Alkaline and rechargeable batteries
- Flashlights, spare batteries and bulb
- ARES ID card, driver’s license, other relevant IDs

HF Kit

- HF radio
- Tuner
- Antennas and supports
- Feed lines

Operating Supplies Kit

- Paper and pencil, sharpener
- ARRL-ICS-213, Radiogram forms
- Message forms
- Logbook
- Phone lists, contact information, ARES plan info

Winlink/Digital Kit

- Laptop computer, DC power cable
- Patch cords
- Packet modem and/or sound card mode interface, other gear for specialized modes

Personal Needs Kit (24 Hours)

- Appropriate clothing for the season
- Foul weather gear
- Food and water for 24 hours
- Toilet kit (including toilet paper!)
- Shelter (tent)
- Sleeping bag, foam pad, and a real pillow
- Portable stove, mess kit and cleaning supplies
- Waterproof matches
- First aid kit and pain relievers
- Throat lozenges
- Prescription medicines, eyeglass prescription copy, spare eyeglasses
- Money, change for tolls and vending machines
- Alarm clock (portable wind up or battery type)

Add-on Kit for Extended Deployment (72 Hours)

- 3 day change of clothes
- 3 day supply of water, food, snacks
- Additional forms and pencils, other expendable supplies
- Additional batteries
- Generator, lighting, extension cords, fuel can