

Emergency Management Mid-Monthly Message



"Eddy the Ready Dragon"

Eddy says...

Date: November, Building a 72 Hour Disaster Supply Kit

Do You Know What You Need for a 72 Hour Kit?

Your emergency kit should have basic supplies to ensure survival for each person in your family for a minimum of 72 hours without utilities.

Building a Disaster Supply Kit:

- 1 gallon of water per person per day, (include water for pets).
- At least a 3-day supply of non-perishable food and a manual can opener.
- Prescription medications (if needed) and a first aid kit.
- Extra items for babies or young children: formula, diapers, bottles, moist towelettes, etc.
- Cold weather needs, such as jacket, hat and gloves for each family member.
- Flashlight (with batteries), radio (with batteries), and a car cell phone charger.
- Garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation

Maintaining your kit:

Just as important as putting your supplies together is maintaining them so they are safe to use when needed. Here are some tips to keep your supplies ready and in good condition:

- Keep canned food in a cool, dry place. Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers to protect from pests and extend shelf life.
- Throw out any canned good that is swollen, dented or corroded. Use food before they go bad and replace them with fresh supplies.
- Change stored food and water supplies every six months. Be sure to write the date you store it on all containers.
- Re-think your needs every year and update your kit as your family's needs change.
- Keep items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers.

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