

Disaster Checklist for the Family

- Become aware of household hazards and secure dangerous substances.
- Consult local Fire & Rescue as to the proper placement of fire extinguishers and CO monitors.
- Train for CPR/AED and First Aid. Renew certification as mandated.
- Purchase or prepare a First Aid Kit, keeping special needs in mind. Inspect every six months.
- Develop an exit plan from the house and familiarize everyone with it.
- Establish rally points outside of the house. (At least 2.)
- Post emergency numbers in a conspicuous location. Include out of town contacts.
- Keep medical records (including prescription information) in a convenient, marked place for First Responders.
- Prepare an Evacuation Kit (See handout.)
- Initiate or participate in a Neighborhood Watch program.
- Know of local shelters in the area and how to get to them.
- Maintain at least 72 hours' worth of non-perishable food and water.
- Purchase an all-hazards radio and test monthly. Replace batteries every six months or as needed.
- Keep multiple copies of birth certificates, social security records, insurance policies. Scan electronically and save in multiple, secure locations. Keep one copy in Evacuation Kit.
- Keep at least \$200 per person in a secure location. (i.e. Evacuation Kit, etc.)
- Purchase power failure lights for home. Can be used as flashlights in an emergency.
- Maintain auxiliary lighting in home and car. Replace batteries every six months.
- If you purchase a generator, be sure to operate it only outside and test monthly.
- Encourage all of the above to the local congregation and assist in the development of a Disaster Response Ministry.