

Disaster Preparedness List -- Are You Ready?

- Y N Has your family rehearsed fire escape routes from your home?
- Y N Does your family know what to do before, during, & after an earthquake?
- Y N Do you have heavy objects over beds that can fall during an earthquake?
- Y N You have an operational flashlight in every bedroom?
- Y N Do you keep shoes near your bed to protect your feet against broken glass?
- Y N Do you know where your main gas line or water shut-off valve is?
- Y N Do you know how to shut off the main gas or water line to your house?
- Y N Can your main gas or water valve be turned off without any tools?
- Y N If turning off your main gas or water valve needs a tool, do you have one?
- Y N If you smelled gas after a quake, do you know what to do and how to do it?
- Y N Can you safely restart your furnace when gas is safely available?
- Y N Do you have working smoke alarms in the proper places to warn you of fire?
- Y N In case of a minor fire, do you have a fire extinguisher you know how to use?
- Y N Have you stored outside your home copies of keys & important documents?
- Y N Do you have a battery-powered radio to hear emergency information?
- Y N If your family must evacuate your home, have you chosen a meeting place?

If an emergency lasted 72 hours before any help was available to your family:

- Y N Would you have sufficient water for drinking, cooking & sanitary needs?
- Y N Would you have sufficient food?
- Y N Would you have a way to cook food without gas or electricity?
- Y N Do you have a 72-hour evacuation kit?
- Y N Would you be able to carry the 72-hour evacuation kit?
- Y N Have you established an out-of-State contact person?
- Y N Do you have a first aid kit in your home and in each car?
- Y N Do you have work gloves and tools for minor rescue and clean-up?
- Y N Do you have emergency cash on hand? (No banks or ATMs available!)
- Y N Do you have a way to heat one room without electricity or gas?
- Y N If you need prescriptions, do you have at least one month's supply on hand?
- Y N In an extended water shortage, do you have a plan for toilet facilities?
- Y N Do you have a supply of food, clothing, and fuel appropriate for 1 week?
- Y N Do you have a supply of food, clothing, and fuel appropriate for 3 weeks?
- Y N Do you have a supply of food, clothing, and fuel appropriate for 3 months?
- Y N Do you have a supply of food, clothing, and fuel appropriate for 6 months?
- Y N Do you have a supply of food, clothing, and fuel appropriate for 12 months?

These questions need "YES" answers if you want to be safer in an emergency.