Specific Disasters That Might Affect You!

If you are going to prepare for natural or man-made disasters, which specific disasters might affect you?

Obviously you don't worry about tidal waves in Colorado or blizzards in the Bahamas. They just don't apply at those locations. Look at the chart and check (\mathcal{I}) which specific disasters MIGHT occur NEAR ENOUGH to affect your location.

If such a disaster happened, what would you do? Your choices are: <u>Stay Put</u> OR <u>Bug Out</u>. Put a check mark (\mathcal{I}) in the column of your choice. Then estimate HOW LONG you think the disaster would last. Add other comments as needed.

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	Does Not Apply Here Stay Put Bug Out	How long	Does Not Apply Here Stay Put Bug
Heat wave		Famine	
Windstorm	iiii	Recession	i i i i
Hailstorm		Depression	
Sandstorm		Economy crash	
Lightning strikes		Chemical spill	
Tornado		Gas pipeline leak	
Hurricane		Dam rupture	
High tide	I I I I	Poisoned water supply	
Tidal wave/tsunami		Epidemics/pandemics	
Flood	I I I I	Terrorist attack	
Mudslide		Civil disorder	
Avalanche		Civil war	
Earthquake		Foreign invasion	
Wildfire		International war	
Forest fire		Conventional weapons	
Volcanic eruption		Chemical/biological warfare	
Long freeze		Tactical nuclear attacks	
Ice storm		Strategic nuclear attack	
Blizzard		Electromagnetic Pulse	
Power outage		World War III	
Blackout	I I I I	Mutually Assured Destruction	
Water outage	I I I I	Mother-in-law moves in	
House fire	I I I I	Other	I I I I

In Arizona, I checked "Stay Put" for 3 days for tornadoes, windstorms, sandstorms, chemical spills, and water outages. Heat waves are just a normal summer. I checked "Bug Out" for house fires, and depending on wind direction, nuclear attacks. I'm told there's no earthquake potential. How long? During an epidemic, I'd stay isolated for 3 months. Point is - consider the chart carefully. It gives you guidelines on specifically what you're preparing to survive.

Now go read the Tip: "Disaster Preparedness List!".

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