

HOW PREPARED IS YOUR HOUSEHOLD FOR THESE UNUSUAL OCCURANCES?

The time to prepare an emergency kit is now!

STEP ONE: Find a small rolling suitcase or plastic crate to handle your records. Pack all of the items listed below in it.

STEP TWO:

- Make a copy of the first page of your homeowner's insurance policy. Make sure it has a contract number and telephone number to contact in an emergency.
- Make a copy of all credit cards with contact numbers next to each.
- Make a copy of stocks and bonds - or at least a list of numbers and denominations.
- Have a list of the telephone numbers of all family members and doctor's offices you regularly use.
- List the emergency telephone numbers of the water, electric and telephone companies serving your home.
- Have a small supply of cash. In an emergency most ATM's and banks will be closed.

Place all of the above in a waterproof plastic bag.

STEP THREE:

- Buy a box of matches. Most homes have candles on hand. Place several in the bag.
- Buy a flash light and batteries for each family member. Do not place the batteries in the flashlights until needed.
- Have a battery operated radio with extra batteries.
- Have a car charger for your cell phone.
- Have an old fashioned dial telephone with its cord. Most will work in a power outage unless the whole system is down.

Place these in another sealed plastic bag.

STEP FOUR:

- If any member of your family needs daily medication, use a plastic pill box and prepare a week's worth of medication. (When you renew the prescriptions, use the emergency supply and replenish it with fresh medications. Make sure you label the box with the user's name.)
- Purchase a small first aid kit.
- Pack a change of clothes and underwear for each family member.
- Include toiletries - toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, brush, etc.