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## **FACT SHEET**

Government agencies will respond to community disasters, but citizens may be on their own for hours, even days, after disaster strikes. You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for **at least** three days.

### **Emergency survival kit (Store one of these at home, at work and at each child's school or daycare facility.)**

- Dry or canned food and drinking water for three days (for each person)
- Manual can opener
- First aid supplies and first aid book
- Copies of important documents (birth certificates, licenses, insurance policies, etc.)
- "Special needs" items for family members (infant formula, eye glasses, medications, etc.)
- A change of clothing per person
- Sleeping bag or blanket per person
- Battery powered radio or television
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Whistle
- Waterproof matches
- Toys, books, puzzles, games
- Extra house keys and car keys
- List of contact names and phone numbers

### **Additional items you can store at home for use during an emergency:**

- **Cooking supplies**
  - Barbecue, camp stove, chafing dish
  - Fuel for cooking (charcoal, camp stove fuel, etc.)
  - Plastic knives, forks, spoons
  - Paper plates and cups
  - Paper towels
  - Heavy-duty aluminum foil
- **Sanitation Supplies**
  - Large plastic trash bags for trash, water protection
  - Large trash cans
  - Bar soap and liquid detergent



- **Sanitation Supplies, continued**
  - Shampoo
  - Toothpaste and toothbrushes
  - Feminine and infant supplies
  - Toilet paper
  - Household bleach with no additives
  - Newspaper — to wrap garbage and waste
  
- **Comfort**
  - Sturdy shoes
  - Gloves for clearing debris
  - Tent
  
- **Tools**
  - Ax
  - Shovel
  - Broom
  - Crescent wrench for turning off gas
  - Screwdriver
  - Pliers
  - Hammer
  - Coil of one-half inch rope
  - Plastic tape and sheeting
  - Knife or razor blades
  - Garden hose for siphoning and fire fighting