Storm Preparedness Kit - Do You Have Yours Ready?

FOOD

Store at least a three-day supply of nonperishable foods that do not require refrigeration, cooking, a lot of water or a lengthy preparation.

- Such items might include ready-toeat canned meats, fruits and vegetables, canned juices, peanut butter, jelly, trail mix, and staples (sugar, salt, pepper).
- Don't forget foods for family members with special needs such as infants or those on special diets.

WATER

- Store water in plastic containers such as soft drink bottles or buy one-gallon containers of water.
- Store one gallon of water per-person per-day for a three-day period.
- In an emergency, you can treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.

FIRST AID KIT

- Sterile adhesive bandages
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Needle
- Moist towelettes
- Antiseptic
- Thermometer
- Petroleum jelly
- Cleanser/soap
- Aspirin/pain reliever
- Assorted sterile gauze pads
- Antacid
- Laxative

TOOLS AND SUPPLIES

- Paper cups, plates & plastic utensils
- Aluminum foil
- Battery operated radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries or solar operated lantern/flashlights
- Matches
- Wood for working fireplaces
- Non-electric can opener and utility knife or pocket knife
- Pliers or wrench to turn off utilities
- Tape (duct and regular)
- Needles & thread
- Map of the area
- Salt and sand for snow storm; snow shovel
- Paper and pens/pencils

SANITATION

- Toilet paper
- Soap
- Paper towels
- Personal hygiene items
- Plastic garbage bags with ties
- Plastic bucket with tight lid
- Disinfectant
- Household chlorine bleach

CLOTHING & BEDDING

- Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person.
- Blankets/sleeping bags
- Sunglasses; hat/cap
- Sturdy shoes/workboots
- Rain gear
- Cold weather gear, as appropriate (jackets, hats, gloves, scarves)

SPECIAL ITEMS such as:

- A week's supply of prescription medications, insulin, denture needs, hearing aid batteries; extra eyeglasses and/or contact lens supplies.
- Important family documents: birth certificates, marriage licenses, wills, bank account numbers, deeds, credit card numbers and companies, insurance policies, passports, insurance cards (keep these items in a watertight container).
- Cash and traveler's checks.
- Books, games, puzzles.
- Pet food and extra water for your pet.