



FAITH IN ACTION: BE PREPARED

When storms, fires, or other emergencies arise, our faith reminds us to act wisely and care for one another. Take time now to prepare your home and family. Together, we can ensure our community stays safe and strong—whatever comes our way.

THINGS TO DO

- ☐ Create a family emergency plan and practice it regularly.
- ☐ Prepare an emergency kit with essentials.
- ☐ Make copies of important documents such as birth certificates, IDs, insurance policies, passports, online passwords, leases or deeds, etc.
- ☐ Store your usernames, passwords, and websites in different locations. Remember to update this list as you change your passwords.
- ☐ Keep hard copies in a secure location and save digital files on a flash drive. Store copies of these documents in your emergency kit to access easily if you need to evacuate.
- ☐ Create a list of your family and friends' current phone numbers and emails and print it out. Include at least one out-of-state contact; this person may be easier to connect with than a local contact after a disaster.
- ☐ Know how to shut off water, power, and gas in your home.
- ☐ Have a conversation with your family members about what you would do if a disaster happened and you are separated. Identify a meet-up point and develop a communications plan.
- ☐ Conduct disaster drills with your family and loved ones. Practice connecting with each other and getting to the appropriate location. Make any changes necessary to your plan.
- ☐ Learn basic first aid and CPR.
- ☐ Sign up for local emergency alerts.
- ☐ Ensure your house of worship has updated contact information for your household.
- ☐ Know your house of worship's emergency procedures.
- ☐ Offer your assistance with preparing or updating your house of worship's emergency procedures.
- ☐ Participate in congregation-wide preparedness trainings or drills.

EMERGENCY KIT SUPPLIES

Large waterproof container or bag to store your emergency kit items.

Copies of important papers: birth certificates, IDs, insurance policies, passports (keep paper copies or store on flash drive and keep in emergency kit)

Contact information: phone numbers and emails of family and friends

Spare set of keys for house and car(s)

Map of area and known evacuation routes

Non-perishable food: bottled water, 3 cans of food, 1 can fruit, 1 can veggies, snacks, eating utensils

Non-electric can opener

Battery-powered or hand crank radio

Whistle

First aid kit, thermometer, allergy and pain medication, gloves, hand sanitizer, spare glasses and/or contacts.

Toiletries: comb, soap, shampoo, deodorant.

Paper goods: 1 or 2 rolls of toilet paper, tissues, and/or paper towels

Matches

Mylar emergency blanket or regular blanket

Moist wipes

Garbage bags

Flashlight with extra batteries

Own special needs: items for pets, infants, children, and seniors

Cell phone charger

Spiritual Resources: Disasters can be stressful, include small items in your kit to help you feel calm and centered.