

2007 Hurricane Preparedness

“Family Emergency Supplies”

Often during an emergency, electricity, water, heat, air conditioning or telephone service may not work. The Schoharie County Office of Emergency Management advises that you should be prepared to make it on your own for at least three days, maybe longer. Use the checklist below to help you prepare for what you and your family will need. Consider two kits. In one put everything you will need to stay where you are. The other should be a lightweight, smaller version you can take with you if you have to evacuate.

- Flashlights with extra batteries. Keep flashlights – with extra, fresh batteries -- beside your bed and in several other locations. Do not use matches.
- Portable radio or TV with extra batteries. Most telephones will be out of order or limited to emergency use. The radio -- including NOAA Weather Radio -- will be the best source of emergency.
- First aid kit / first aid skills. Keep your first-aid kit well stocked and in a central location. Take basic first-aid and CPR courses. Keep your skills current.
- Fire extinguisher. Your fire extinguisher should be suitable for all types of fires and should be easily accessible. Teach all family members how to use it.
- Food. Store a three-day supply of food for each person. Items such as canned or dehydrated, non-perishable food, powdered milk and canned juices can be rotated into your daily diet and replenished on a regular basis. Include food for infants or the elderly, snack foods and items such as a non-electric can opener, cooking utensils, paper/plastic plates and plastic utensils.
- Water. Store a 3-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day). Store in air-tight containers and replace them every six months. Keep a disinfectant, such as iodine tablets or chlorine bleach, to purify water, if necessary.
- Extra blankets and clothing may be required to keep warm. Sturdy shoes protect feet from broken glass and debris.
- Special items for infant, elderly, or disabled family members. Have at least a week’s supply of medications and foods for infants and those on special diets.
- Toiletries, hygienic items and moisture wipes.
- Tools. Have a crescent or pipe wrench to turn off gas and water if necessary and know the location of the shut-off valves.
- Important documents – stored in a waterproof container – insurance policies, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc. Also, checkbook, cash (in small bills), credit cards, ATM cards.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

- **Call 911 ONLY** if you have an emergency.
- Schoharie County Emergency Management Office 518-295-2276.
- For non-emergency resource assistance call 211.
- For information about road closures call 511.
- Sign-up for NY-ALERT at www.nyalert.gov or call NY-ALERT by calling 1-888-697-6972.