

SEVEN REASONS

TO BE PREPARED FOR DISASTER



1. Save money.

Make your home more resistant to damage from disasters. It may reduce the number of repairs needed when disaster does strike. Find your own risks at disastersafety.org



2. Recover faster.

Thinking through what you'll do and then recording those steps in your family disaster plan (see reason #7) make it easier for you to recover when disaster hits.



3. Avoid or Reduce Damage.

Look around at your home and property. What can you do to reduce potential damage or disaster?



4. Keep in touch with family.

Be sure that each family member's cell phone includes emergency and family phone numbers. Teach everyone to text message. During an emergency it may be easier to text than it is to place a call.



5. Survive on your own.

This is where emergency kits come in handy. No matter where you are, it may be a while before emergency responders can reach you.



6. Retain important papers.

Financial records, property records, legal records and family records are important to you and your family. Are they filed and stored in such a way that you can easily find the most important papers after a disaster or when you are evacuating?



7. Avoid panic.

Create a family disaster plan. Having a plan can help you and you family make it through any disaster with minimal stress.

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