

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

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WATER PREPAREDNESS

- How many gallons of water do you have stored per person? 

- Would this water last your family 3 days? YES NO
- Would this water last your family 30 days? YES NO
- Do you have a renewable source of water available (stream, pond, etc.)? 

- Do you have a means to purify water at home (water purification tablets, beach, filter, etc.)? 

- Are you harvesting rainwater? 



FOOD PREPAREDNESS

- Do you have enough food stored to last 72 hours? 

- Do you have enough food stored to last 30 days? YES NO
- Do you have a sustainable source of food (garden, aquaponics, chickens, livestock, etc.)? 

- Do you have a method of preserving food (canning, dehydrating, pickling, freeze drying)? 

- Do you have MREs stockpiled? 



FIRST AID & HYGIENE

- Do you have an emergency toilet? 

- Do you have disinfectants, such as bleach? 

- Do you have medications, such as prescription meds and antibiotics? 

- Do you have first aid supplies? 

- Do you have first aid training? 



HOME SAFETY

- Do you have a home security system? 

- Do you have a guard dog? 

- Do you have a safe room? 

- Do you have a storm shelter or bunker? 

- Do you have a perimeter around your home? 

- Is the perimeter secure? YES NO
- Do you have a way of barricading doors and windows? 

- Do you have weapons in your home? 

- Are the weapons easily accessible? YES NO
- Has everyone in your household been trained to use them? YES NO
- Do you have a plan for what to do during a home invasion? 

- Have you run a home invasion drill? YES NO
- Do you have two escape routes from your home? 



EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

- Do you have items that could be bartered? 

- Do you have hand-operated tools (hammer, screwdriver, ax, etc.)? 

- Do you have repair items (planks of wood, duct tape, nails, etc.)? 

- Do you have heavy-duty gloves? 

- Do you have boots? 

- Do you have rain clothing? 

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LIGHT, HEAT, & COOKING

- Do you have a generator? 

- Do you have an off-grid lighting method (solar-powered lamps, oil lamps, candles, etc.)? 

- Do you have at least 1000 hours of lighting? YES NO

- Do you have flashlights for each household member? 

- Do you have an alternative way to heat your home (wood stove, propane stove, generator, etc.)? 

- Is there enough fuel to provide heat for 7 days? 

- For 30 days? YES NO

- Do you have an alternative method of cooking food (gas stove, rocket stove, etc.)? 

- Do you have wool blankets and/or sleeping bags for everyone? 



MENTAL PREPAREDNESS

- Have you run a threat assessment? 

- Have you ran drills of your emergency plans? 

- Have you practiced Emergency Conditioning? 

- Have you talked to your children about what to do in an emergency? 



EVACUATION

- Is your Bug Out Bag (aka 72 hour kit) packed? 

- Do you have an emergency communication plan? 

- Do you have two way radios? YES NO

- Do you have an evacuation vehicle? 

- Do you have enough fuel to get to your evacuation location? YES NO

- Do you have an alternative evacuation vehicle, such as a motor bike? YES NO

- Do you know how to read a map? 

- Do you have an evacuation plan? 

- Have you practiced your evacuation plan? YES NO



GROUP DYNAMICS

- Are there more than five members in your survival group? 

- Do the members of the group collectively know a variety of survival skills? 

- Have you held a community meeting about disaster preparation? 

- Are you in good physical health? 

- Do any members of your group have special medical or physical requirements? 

- Have you made a plan for these requirements, such as stockpiling medicines? YES NO

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