

Emergency Preparedness Questions to Consider

When thinking through your household or family emergency preparedness plan, think about the following questions:

1. Do you have a basic emergency supply kit with food, water, and essentials for at least three days?
2. Do you have an evacuation route planned and shared with all household members?
3. Have you identified a family meeting place in case you're separated during an emergency?
4. Do you have a supply of necessary medications to last through a disaster?
5. Have you signed up for local emergency alerts or weather warning systems?
6. Do you have a backup power source or plan in case of prolonged outages (e.g., generator, solar charger)?
7. Is your vehicle fueled and ready in case you need to evacuate quickly?
8. Do you have important documents (e.g., IDs, insurance, medical records) stored safely and accessible in an emergency?
9. Have you made arrangements for pets during an evacuation or emergency?
10. Do you know how to turn off utilities like gas, water, and electricity at your home?
11. Have you talked with neighbors about emergency plans or created a neighborhood support network?
12. Do you and your family members know basic first aid and CPR?