Be Ready When Disaster Hits

Here are the proper precautions to take and things to consider in preparation for a natural disaster.

- [ ] The first thing you can do is to be aware of which type of disasters actually occur where you live. Find out here: https://www.ready.gov/be-informed

Prepare a family plan for when disaster hits. Consider:

- [ ] How you will receive the notification of the disaster. Do you subscribe to emergency alerts & warnings via mobile device, or will you follow local news stations?
- [ ] What will be your plan for shelter?
- [ ] How will you choose to evacuate (if necessary or advised)?
- [ ] How will you maintain communication with your family, loved ones or those you live with?

What are your household needs that you must prepare? Consider:

- [ ] Different ages of members of your household and family
- [ ] Responsibilities you might have for assisting others inside or outside your household
- [ ] Locations you frequent
- [ ] Dietary needs
- [ ] Medical needs, which includes prescribed drugs and equipment
- [ ] Disabilities & any access difficulty
- [ ] Functional needs, including devices & equipment
- [ ] Languages spoken among those in your household

- [ ] Cultural & religions preferences and obligations among those in your household
- [ ] Pets or service animals
- [ ] Household needs for school-aged children

Complete an Emergency Plan for your family/house-hold

- [ ] Use this helpful link to drafting a proper emergency plan: https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1440449346150-1ff18127345615d8b7e1effb4752b668/Family_Comm_Plan_508_20150820.pdf

Practice your plan!

- [ ] An important key to proper preparedness is practice. Familiarize your family or household with the drafted Emergency Plan you've drafted.

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