

KNOW YOUR RISKS

Risks Mississippi families face may be natural or man-made. Some of these risks are:

- Tornadoes
- Hurricanes
- Severe Thunderstorms
- Winter Weather
- Floods
- Earthquake
- Radiological dangers
- Biological dangers
- Chemical risks

Know your vulnerabilities and how to best reduce the danger to your family and your home.

ARE YOU READY?

1. Know the risks in your area.
2. **Develop a Plan.**
3. Build a family emergency kit to supply your family for at least 72 hours.
4. Have a communication and evacuation plan.

HOME SURVIVAL KIT – General Supplies

(Store in a watertight container that can be easily moved.)

- ✓ Water – 1 gallon per person, per day
- ✓ First Aid Kit and manual
- ✓ Food – canned or individually packaged (use frozen & refrigerated first)
- ✓ Manual can opener
- ✓ Blankets or sleeping bags
- ✓ Flashlight
- ✓ Extra batteries
- ✓ Cash
- ✓ Camera to record damage
- ✓ NOAA Weather Radio
- ✓ Fire extinguishers
- ✓ Watch or clock
- ✓ Dust masks
- ✓ Critical medication and eyeglasses
- ✓ Duct tape
- ✓ Basic tool kit
- ✓ Copies of vital documents such as prescriptions, contact info for doctors and others
- ✓ Valuable papers*

HOME SURVIVAL KIT – Valuable Papers*

- ✓ Social Security Cards
- ✓ Birth Certificates
- ✓ Marriage & Death Records
- ✓ Wills
- ✓ Insurance Policies
- ✓ Deeds & Mortgages
- ✓ Stocks & Bonds
- ✓ Pictures / Photos
- ✓ Inventory of household goods
- ✓ Computer File Backups

HOME SURVIVAL KIT – Cooking & Sanitation

- ✓ Grill – use outside only!
- ✓ Plastic bags – various sizes
- ✓ Paper plates, plastic utensils, paper towels
- ✓ Large Plastic trash/lawn bags
- ✓ Ground cloth
- ✓ Large trash cans
- ✓ Toiletries – personal hygiene supplies, pre-moistened towelettes, toilet paper, feminine supplies, soap
- ✓ Infant supplies
- ✓ Chlorine bleach & powdered chlorinated lime
- ✓ Newspapers

PERSONAL DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

(Keep a kit in your car and/or at work in a small container.)

- ❖ Non-perishable food
- ❖ Flares
- ❖ Blanket
- ❖ Flashlight
- ❖ Extra eyeglasses (or contact lenses & cleaning solution)
- ❖ Pre-moistened towelettes
- ❖ Toilet paper
- ❖ Sturdy shoes & gloves
- ❖ Portable radio
- ❖ First Aid Kit & manual
- ❖ Fire extinguisher
- ❖ Sealable plastic bags
- ❖ Critical medications
- ❖ Assorted tools
- ❖ Cell Phone charger
- ❖ Dust mask
- ❖ Change of clothes
- ❖ Waterproof jacket or tarp
- ❖ Extra Batteries

EVACUATION SUPPLIES

(These should be part of your personal kit which is ready to take with you if there's a need to evacuate.) *

- ❖ Identification for adult family members
- ❖ Maps/directions to destination
- ❖ Medicine or any special medication
- ❖ Blankets & pillows
- ❖ Food for any special diet
- ❖ Cash, checkbook, credit cards, important papers
- ❖ Items for children (favorite toy, books)
- ❖ Change of clothing
- ❖ Electrical chargers for items you will take such as cell phone, etc.

* Make sure your vehicle has a full fuel tank anytime conditions suggest an evacuation.

Failing to Prepare is Preparing to Fail.....
Know Your Risks!