How Prepared is your family?

Action	Suggestions	Completed?
Educate yourself and your	Talk to your local emergency management	Yes □ No □
family.	agencies and the American Red Cross chapter	
	about:	
	Types of disasters likely to affect the community	
	and how to prepare for them	
	Community warning systems and evacuation plans	
	Animal care during and after a disaster	
	Taking responsibility for elderly and disabled	
	persons	
	Disaster plans at work places, schools, day care	
	centers, or other places where your family spends	
	time	
	Be sure you have adequate insurance coverage.	Yes 🔲 No 🖵
	Conduct a home hazard hunt to identify anything	Yes 🗖 No 🗖
	that can move, fall, break, or cause a fire.	
	Take a Red Cross first-aid and CPR class.	Yes 🗖 No 🗖
Create a family plan and	Identify "safe rooms" or shelter areas for	Yes 🔲 No 🖵
practice it.	earthquakes and violent weather.	
	Determine the best escape routes out of the safe	Yes 🔲 No 🗖
	rooms/shelter areas.	
	Pick two places to meet in case you cannot return	Yes 🔲 No 🗖
	to your home—one spot just outside your home	
	and another outside the neighborhood.	
	Create a contact list.	Yes 🔲 No 🗖
	Identify an out-of-state relative or friend as a	Yes 🔲 No 🗖
	family contact in case family members are in	
	separate locations at the time of disaster. Be sure	
	work and school offices have this number on file.	
	Discuss what to do in an evacuation and how to	Yes 🔲 No 🖵
	care for your pets.	
	Teach young children how and when to dial 911	Yes 🔲 No 🖵
	and what to say.	
	Post all emergency numbers by every phone.	Yes 🔲 No 🖵
	Hold fire and emergency evacuation drills	Yes 🔲 No 🖵
	periodically (every six months) with all members	
	of the family.	
	Quiz family members periodically, (children every	Yes 🔲 No 🖵
	six months), on procedures and contact	
	information.	
	Store originals of important family documents in a	Yes 🔲 No 🖵
	safe deposit box.	



Be a good neighbor.	Meet with your neighbors to plan how to work together in case of an emergency.	Yes 🗖	No 🗖
	Know your neighbors' special needs or skills, such	Yes 🗖	No 🗆
	as medical, technical.	· ¬	
	Make plans for each other's children in case a	Yes 🗖	No 🖵
	parent is not able to get home.		
Store adequate supplies	Store supplies in a sturdy, pest-free container and	Yes 🖵	No 🗆
	place in an accessible location:		
	Water for 3-5 days (one gallon per person per day,	Yes 🖵	No 🖵
	in a plastic container). Mark date of storage on		
	container, and replace every three months.		
	Non-perishable foods for 3-5 days, including pet	Yes 🖵	No 🗖
	food if applicable. Replace every six months.		
	Manual can opener	Yes 🗖	No 🗖
	Flashlights with extra batteries	Yes 🗖	No 🗖
	Extra pair of prescription eyeglass, contact lenses	Yes 🖵	No 🗖
	(and cleaning solution)		
	Battery-operated radio or TV and extra batteries	Yes 🗖	No 🗖
	Prescription drugs that are used regularly	Yes 🗖	No 🗖
	First-aid kit	Yes 🖵	No 🖵
	Extra set of car keys	Yes 🖵	No 🖵
	One blankets or sleeping bag per person	Yes 🖵	No 🖵
	Information (style, serial number, etc.) on critical	Yes 🖵	No 🖵
	medical devices (respirator, pacemaker, etc.)		-
	Small amount of cash and a credit card	Yes 🖵	No 🗖
	Children's toys, games, books, pictures, etc.	Yes 🖵	No 🗖
	Extra battery for cell phone	Yes 🖵	No 🖵
	Sanitation supplies	Yes 🖵	No 🖵
	Special items for infants/elderly/disabled	Yes 🖵	No 🖵
	One change of clothing and footwear per person	Yes 🖵	No 🖵
Take care of utilities	Locate and show all adults where and how to shut	Yes 🖵	No 🖵
	off main utility valves for water, gas, electricity.		
	Install smoke detectors on each floor, especially	Yes 🖵	No 🖵
	near bedrooms; test and replace batteries once a		
	year.		
	Teach family members how to use fire	Yes 🖵	No 🖵
	extinguishers and show them where they are kept.		
	Test extinguishers once a year.		
Create a home exit plan and	Create basic floor plan of home and clearly mark	Yes 🖵	No 🖵
evacuation box	exits to be used for emergencies. Post in each		
	room.		
	Create an evacuation box to "grab and go" in a	Yes 🗖	No 🗖
	waterproof container. Include:		
	Small amount of cash	Yes 🖵	No 🗖
	Irreplaceable photos/negatives in plastic	Yes 🖵	No 🖵
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