Preparing for the disaster

FEMA strongly urges homeowners to maintain an emergency kit with enough supplies to sustain them for up to 72 hours following a disaster. Assemble it well in advance of an emergency and store it in an easily accessible location.

Here are some basics that officials say every disaster kit should contain:



- 1. First ald kit
- 2. Water (1 gallon per person per day)
- 3. Knife
- 4. Multitool
- 5. Flashlight and extra batteries
- 6. Matches in waterproof container
- 7. Can opener
- 8. Local maps
- Carrying container (unused trashcan, backpack, duffel bag, rubbermald-style bin)
- 10. Dust mask
- 11. Duct tape
- 12. Whistle
- 13. Garbage bags, ties and moist towelettes
- 14. Three-day supply of nonperishable food
- 15. Wrench or pliers
- 16. Plastic sheeting
- 17. Battery-powered or hand-cranked NOAA weather radio

Local Resources

- 2-1-1 (Health and Human Services)
- 4-1-1 (Directory Assistance)
- 9-1-1 (Emergencies Only)