

Winter is here! It's important to be prepared for possible disasters and other emergencies. Make up a kit that you can use at home or take with you in case you must evacuate. The following can help make a difference! A backpack, tote or duffel bag works great to store extra supplies!

Cleaning out gutters, chimneys, culverts and drainage ditches is also important. If you know of someone who needs help getting ready for winter, please contact Jane Gund of the Southern Humboldt Emergency Preparedness Team at 707-223-0683; we would like to help coordinate assistance.

- Water-1 gal per person/per day
- Water Purifier or Water purifying tablets
- Food-non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items 3 day for evacuation/14 day for home
- First Aid Kit/Supplies
- Flashlight-battery or hand crank
- NOAA weather radio- battery or hand crank
- Extra Batteries
- Medications- 14 day supply
- A Multi-purpose tool/small tool box
- Personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents
- Cell Phone with Chargers
- Family Emergency Contact Info
- Extra Cash
- Emergency Blanket/Sleeping bag
- Map of the area
- Pet supplies
- Extra set of house/car keys
- Manual can opener
- Two way radios
- Whistle
- Matches
- Rain Gear/work gloves
- Towels
- Surgical Masks Plastic sheeting
- Extra Clothing/Eyeglasses/Contact lenses
- Duct Tape
- Household Liquid Bleach

MAKE A PLAN... Plan what to do in case your family is separated during an emergency.

- **Choose two places to meet.** Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, such as a fire. Outside your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate!
- **Choose an out-of-the-area emergency contact person.** It may be easier to text or call long distance if local phone lines are overloaded or out of service. Everyone in the family should have emergency contact information in writing or programmed into their cell phones.
- **Decide where you would go** and what route you would take to get there. You may choose to go to a hotel/motel, stay with friends or relatives in a safe location or go to an evacuation shelter!
- **Practice evacuating** your home twice a year. Drive planned routes and plot alternate routes on your map in case roads are impassable.
- **Pets.** Keep a phone list of pet-friendly hotels/motels and animal shelters.