

## RESIDENT EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

1. Every household should put together an emergency kit.
  - Three-day supply of drinking water (one gallon per person, per day)
  - Three-day supply of food you don't have to refrigerate or cook
  - First aid supplies
  - Portable NOAA weather radio
  - Wrench and other basic tools
  - Flashlight
  - Work gloves
  - Emergency cooking equipment
  - Portable lanterns
  - Fresh batteries for each piece of equipment
  - Clothing; blankets
  - Baby items
  - Prescription medications
  - Extra car and house keys
  - Extra eyeglasses
  - Credit cards and cash
  - Important documents, including insurance policies.
  - Cell phone batteries and a charger.
- Become familiar with your community's severe weather warning system. Make certain every person in your family knows what to do when severe weather threatens.
- Everyone should create a family emergency plan. Also learn about the plans of your workplace, children's schools or day care centers.
  - Decide in advance where you will take shelter.
  - Identify escape routes from your home and neighborhood.
  - Designate an emergency meeting place for your family to reunite if you become separated.
  - Establish a contact point to communicate with concerned relatives.
- Take video and photographs of the contents of your home and the exterior.
- In a high wind event move anything in your yard that can become flying debris inside your house or garage before a storm strikes.
- If a tornado threatens, do this only if authorities have announced a tornado "watch."
- If authorities have announced a tornado "warning," immediately leave and go to your designated shelter.
- If your home has no storm cellar or in-residence "safe" room and you have no time to get to a community shelter, head to the centermost part of your basement or home - away from windows and preferably under something sturdy like a workbench or staircase.
- Don't open your windows in high winds. You won't save the house, as once thought, and you may actually make things worse by giving wind and rain a chance to get inside.
- In case of wildfire, if you have time before you evacuate:
  - Turn off valve to main gas line.
  - Turn on a light in each room.
  - Put lawn sprinklers on the roof and turn them on if the fire approaches.
  - Open the chimney flume.