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# Stormwater Quarterly

## *Do you have an emergency plan?*

What would you do in the event of an emergency? Are you prepared?

Emergencies can take many forms, from flooding to hurricanes to widespread blackouts to blizzards. We all know how frightening and stressful it is to be in the middle of an emergency, but a little preplanning can help alleviate some of the stress and fear. Below find some general guidelines on what you can do to prepare for an emergency and keep your family safe.

You should:

1. **Build an emergency kit.** Pack enough non-perishable food for a three day supply for each person. Pack one gallon of water per person per day. Your kit should also include a battery powered or crank radio, flashlight with extra batteries, first aid kit, cell phone with solar charger, personal hygiene supplies, pet food and blankets. Make sure to pack a three day supply of any medication your family made need.
2. **Create a communication plan.** Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan how you will contact one another. Make a contact card for each member of your family which contains all important information

including cell phone numbers, allergies, medications and medical conditions. Designate an out of town friend or family member as an emergency contact. Everyone should be instructed to check in with this contact to let them know they are safe. Program this number in each family members phone as an "ICE" (in case of emergency) contact.

3. **Identify Financial Assets.** Prepare a list of all financial accounts and life and health insurance policies. Update the list regularly to ensure its accuracy at the time of an emergency.
4. **Inventory Household Possessions.** Create an inventory, including photographs, of household furniture and personal possessions. Include a description of the item, purchase price and date of purchase. Keep this information, and any receipts, in a binder in a safe location.

For additional information regarding emergency preparedness, visit [www.floods.gov](http://www.floods.gov) and [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

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