

Storey County Emergency Management

Earthquake Preparedness

Great Nevada Shakeout
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BUILD A KIT

KEEP IN MIND THAT STOREY COUNTY, AND ESPECIALLY UP ON THE COMSTOCK, IS PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO SNOW EMERGENCIES, ROAD WASHOUTS, EARTHQUAKE, WILDLAND FIRE AND MAJOR WIND EVENTS.

SO YOU MAY WANT TO TAILOR YOUR KIT TO SOME SPECIFIC NEEDS.



BASIC DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT:

Ok, while your personal kit may include extra potato chips and dip for the long haul, that is not really what will get you through the event. So here are some suggestions.

WATER: one gallon of water per person per day for at least 3 days and preferably 5 days. Remember 72-96 ! This water is for drinking and sanitation.

FOOD: at least a 3 day supply of non-perishable food. Protein bars are excellent for this, and rather inexpensive and have a good shelf life. However you may want to consider a bit more substantial food supply.

RADIO: a battery-powered or a hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert (keep extra batteries for both). This is how you will "stay informed".

FLASHLIGHT: and, of course, extra batteries.

WRENCH, or Pliers & Screwdriver (*not the drink kind*): to turn off utilities, etc.

FIRST AID KIT: basic kit with some bandaids, 4x4s and over the counter antibiotic ointment.

WHISTLE: To signal for help

MANUAL CAN OPENER: for food cans. (*bet you wouldn't have thought of that*)

MOIST TOWELETTES, garbage bags, plastic ties, TP, soap

CELL PHONE: with chargers, inverter or solar charger.

MEDICATION: 3 day supply. This will have to be used and replaced every couple of months...so don't forget to do that.

ANY NUMBER OF OTHER THINGS THAT YOU MAY THINK OF FOR YOUR PERSONAL NEEDS. YOUR KIT IS FOR TWO PURPOSES.....GRAB AND RUN OR TO STAY PUT WITH.

EACH MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD SHOULD HAVE THEIR OWN PERSONAL KIT. If it's in a backpack, color code the backpacks so you always grab your own kit.

.....SO MAKE SURE IT IS IN A PLACE YOU CAN GET TO IN CASE OF EITHER CIRCUMSTANCE.

REMEMBER: this is only the basic, basic kit. Build it to fit your needs.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE "What If Times" :

We will go into more advance preparedness kits and home concerns.