

## Personal Emergency Check List

Personal emergency preparedness is comprised of anticipation, awareness, and planning. It is made up of monitoring of a possible disaster situation via television, electronic information, District communication, and State communication.

Personal emergency preparedness is comprised of each household obtaining the necessary items to survive the hardships that a disaster imposes on an individual and family.

Below is a list of the basic items necessary to be prepared for and survive an emergency:

1. Locate your shut off valve outside
2. Place a marker near your shut off valve (so you can find it later, if chance of snow)
3. Purchase bottled water for drinking and fill up your bathtubs flushing toilets and hand washing dishes
4. Gather pitchers or buckets to help carry water for flushing and/or hand washing dishes
5. Purchase non-perishable food (can opener to open cans)
6. Purchase firewood for real wood fire places
7. Wrap outdoor pipes; remove garden hoses from faucets
8. Turn off irrigation systems
9. Turn off auto pool filling systems
10. Purchase a battery or crank operated radio
11. Purchase flashlights and battery operated lighting
12. Purchase batteries for flashlights and radios
13. Charge your cell phones, back up battery packs for cell phones and car charger for cell phones
14. Purchase a fire extinguisher
15. Gas up all vehicles (always a gas shortage after a disaster)
16. Consider a generator, fuel, plenty of outdoor power cords, surge protector and learn how to use the generator well before a disaster
17. Purchase electric space heaters
18. Warm clothing
19. Blankets
20. Toiletries
21. First aid kit
22. Keep emergency cash on hand