



## Home & Environment Checklist

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- In your home, in your church, at work – what’s around you?
- In your neighborhood, on your commute, in the stores and restaurants you frequent – what does normal look like?
- In your region, in your country, in the world – pay attention
- Use your senses – what looks, sounds, smells and feels normal and notice when it doesn’t and be ready to act accordingly
- Have multiple sources for information, including ones that conflict with your views (Internet, TV, Radio/Weatherband, Print, Shortwave)
- Do you have a hobby with Ham Radio?
- Consider the drive & access into and out of your neighborhood. What would be impacted w/ downed trees and power lines? Where are the side roads in & out?
- Regularly Inspect your roof, outside trees close to you home, power/communications poles in vicinity, entrances, sidewalks, doors, exterior/interior walls, etc. - what’s at risk?
- Do you have fire extinguishers? Smoke Detectors? Carbon-Monoxide Detectors? Are you checking battery strength and normal operation? Follow simple replacement & testing plans at each Daylight Savings Time (DST). Do you know how to use your extinguisher?
- Where can you safely store your emergency gear and periodically rotate supplies to avoid expiration?
- Do you have a Fire Escape Plan and adequate equipment to safely use the plan?
- Find your Water Main Cut-off (house and/or street), Gas Cut-off and Main Electrical Control Panels. Ensure you have the correct tools to shut off, safely.
- Look at buying extra water – both cases of individual drinking and gallon jugs. Rotate periodically
- Look at buying extra food – simple, packaged items for proteins and carbohydrates. Rotate
- Discuss the home locations to meet during an event - Rally Point. Where is your internal “Storm Shelter” during high winds, tornado or earthquake events?
- Discuss the locations of safety along your routes to work, school, play and normal routine. Have rally points picked up and discussed up front.