



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Health Department plans and prepares for a variety of threats to public health both natural and man made. The Washington County Health Department coordinates and collaborates with other local, state and federal agencies in the event of a larger emergency.

Are you prepared?

Every household should have three things:

- ♣ An emergency supply kit
- ♣ A plan of action
- ♣ Good information

Emergency Supply Kit

Collect these nine essential items to help you shelter-in-place should there be an emergency event:

1. Water (one gallon of water per person per day for three days)
2. Food (Non-perishable food such as canned or packaged food)
3. Clothes (one change of clothes and footwear per person)
4. Medications (Three days' worth of prescription medications, if needed)
5. Flashlight and extra batteries
6. Manual Can Opener
7. Radio (battery-powered, solar-powered or hand-crank radio)
8. Hygiene Items (soap, toilet paper and a toothbrush)
9. First Aid (basics like antiseptic, bandages and non-prescription meds)

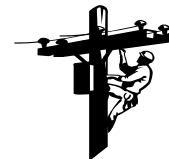
[Click here](#) for "Your Family Disaster Supplies Calendar"

Plan of Action

Make a plan for your family. Discuss who to contact; where to meet; where to stay; what to do in any kind of emergency.

Good Information

Discuss with your family the types of events that are most likely to happen in your area. Determine how you respond to a natural disaster, terrorist event, or a major public health emergency.



Food and Water Safety During Hurricanes, Power Outages, and Floods



Directions for Disinfecting Wells and Drinking Water

Other Links:

Centers for Disease Control-Emergency Preparedness (www.bt.cdc.gov/index.asp)

American Redcross (www.redcross.org)

Indiana Department of Homeland Security (www.in.gov/dhs/index.htm)

Department of Homeland Security (www.dhs.gov/index.shtm)

Indiana State Police (www.in.gov/isp)

National Weather Service (www.noaa.gov)

Pandemic Flu (www.PandemicFlu.gov)

Avian Flu (www.AvianFlu.gov)

Indiana State Department of Health (<http://www.in.gov/isdh/17862.htm>)

Disaster Help (www.disasterhelp.gov)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (www.fema.gov)