

Storey County Emergency Management

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SEPTEMBER IS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Ok, so we keep talking about preparedness plans and kits and what-not so you may be wondering where can we purchase stuff like that. Well those of you who are into hunting probably already have a good bit of stuff like that.

You, know, like emergency lighting, emergency battery systems, emergency food supplies (*remember we are not talking about chips and soda pop here*). Well there are any number of places on the internet that such preparedness items can be purchased.

Actually there is a great place in Sparks that I personally have purchased food stores, solar battery systems, lighting, water storage containers and assorted other really cool neat stuff.and I have no financial interest here with any of these references, but I wish I had thought of it first.

Prep and Save, <http://www.prepandsave.com>

1472 Linda Way, Sparks 358.3535

Very knowledgeable and helpful. No high pressure sales. Check it out or go by the store.

You can find all sorts of on line businesses that sell various products but I am more comfortable dealing with someone local that I can talk to. I get emails from all sorts of such businesses and there are only a few on line that I have considered. Or get on line and search "Emergency Preparation Products".

SOS Survival Products, 15705 Strathorn St. #11, Van Nuys, CA 91406

www.SOSproducts.com 1-800-479-7998

American Red Cross is another one. They are on line with their products. A couple years ago SCEM purchased emergency bags from them that we placed in every county office and school offices. They are very basic but if you grab one in your office and take a look at it you get an idea of how to build a "go bag" for yourself.

When you get into the family preparedness mode it can be fun getting the whole family to participate.

REMEMBER.....you need to be prepared to take care of yourself and family for a minimum of 72 to 96 hours in time of disaster before emergency or rescue crews may be able to get to you to assist you. They will have a lot to do and can't be everywhere.

Ya know you hear a lot about "preppers" these days but preparation for natural disaster is a smart thing to do. Living on the Comstock, or in the Highlands or even Mark Twain or along the Truckee, there are ample reasons to have extra stuff stored away. It can be a significant drive to go get food, hardware, diapers (*for all ages*), etc. So if you can't get there for what you need are you prepared to stay put for several days or a week or so. How about your medications. Do you keep ahead on your prescriptions?

To me it just seems smart. If I have to go to town to get a couple of bolts or paper towels or whatever, I will often buy two of whatever it is. Another one of those things my mom always said...*"when you go to town, but two of whatever you went there for"*.

BE PREPARED throughout the year. Think ahead.

Now is the time to clean your wood/pellet stove and chimney. Do you have extra batteries? How about an extra 5 gal of gas, or some coal oil (*thats kerosene for you young whippersnappers*) for your oil lamps when the power goes out. How about a couple dozen cups of instant Ramen which will last for a long time (*probably till the dinosaurs come back*).



See ya soon !