Suggestions for preparing a 72-Hour Emergency Kit

Check out **www.getprepared.ca** and the Emergency Measures Organization of Prince Edward Island. It's quick and easy to buy an emergency kit. **The Canadian Red Cross** has a kit available to buy on their website. **The Salvation Army** also has a **standard kit as well as a car kit** available for purchase on its website. Various other kits and emergency supplies are also available for sale from other commercial entities.

Add items to your kit such as: • Additional emergency supplies • A copy of your emergency plan • Photocopies of personal documents • A household emergency contact list

Home Survival Kit that you can make yourself may include the following items:

■ flashlight / batteries ■ radio / batteries ■ first aid kit (see below for suggestions) ■ candles / matches ■ extra set of car and house keys ■ cash and coins ■ sleeping bag ■ duffle bag to carry these supplies in case you have to evacuate ■ whistle Babies / Children / Toddlers: ■ diapers / wipes and change of clothing ■ bottled milk ■ favorite toy and/or blanket ■ books/small games ■ crayons and paper **Other family members**: ■ at least one week supply of prescription medication and copy of prescriptions ■ extra clothing ■ personal supplies (soap / toilet paper / feminine napkins) ■ eyeglasses and/or contact lenses ■ paper/pen/books/cards/ **Pets:** ■ pet food, at least a three day supply ■ have foods available that your family likes ■ choose food that doesn't require refrigeration such as ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables ■ water - 1 gallon or 4 litres / per person / day ■ canned juices / soup ■ powdered or canned milk (store extra water to mix) ■ high-energy foods (peanut butter, honey, jelly, crackers, granola bars, trail mix) ■ cookies, hard candy, sweetened cereals, instant coffee, tea bags ■ manual can opener ■ paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils ■ all-purpose knife ■ aluminum foil / plastic wrap / sealable plastic bags

Keep these supplies in an easy to find spot in your home in case you need them in an emergency: You should have at least a 3 day supply of items and remember to check them regularly (when you change your smoke detectors?) to ensure that the items are viable.

Car Survival Kit: It is recommended that the following items be kept in the trunk of your car: shovel sand or salt traction mats tow chain compass cloth or roll of paper towels warning light or road flares set of extra clothing and footwear emergency food pack (water / granola bars / canned food) booster cables ice scraper and brush matches and a candle in a deep can (to warm hands, heat a drink or use as an emergency light)

Your basic first aid kit: A basic first aid kit may contain: \bigstar plasters in a variety of different sizes and shapes \bigstar small, medium and large sterile gauze dressings \bigstar at least 2 sterile eye dressings \bigstar triangular bandages \bigstar crêpe rolled bandages \bigstar safety pins \bigstar disposable sterile gloves \bigstar tweezers \bigstar scissors \bigstar alcohol-free cleansing wipes \bigstar sticky tape \bigstar thermometer (preferably digital) \bigstar skin rash cream, such as hydrocortisone or calendula \bigstar cream or spray to relieve insect bites and stings \bigstar antiseptic cream \bigstar painkillers such as tempera/tylenol/advil include children's painkillers as well as those for adults remember children under the age of 16 should not be given aspirin \bigstar cough medicine \bigstar antihistamine tablets \bigstar gravol