

Quick Start Guide To Preparedness

Make it a goal to accomplish these 10 basic things that will put you far above others when an unexpected event happens. Come up with a solution for each of the following with the understanding that you can't just go stay with a relative across town. For an expansion on these solutions, check out [The Preparedness Capability Checklist](#) (link below).

1. Have food to eat when stores are closed or shelves are empty. (2 weeks)
2. Find a solution to cook without electricity or your stove.
3. Have bottled water for a week's worth of drinking and a solution to obtain clean water when the tap water stops flowing and the stores are closed.
4. Find a solution to keep warm/cool when the power is out.
5. Find a solution for light when there is no power.
6. Have a way to use the rest room, even when there is no water pressure.
7. Have a plan in case you need to leave your home, fire, etc.
8. Find solution to add to your security, in case someone tries to break in.
9. Make sure you have copies of important documentation that is easy to grab or stored off site, including back ups for your computer.
10. As these are only the basics, make a list of prep tasks that increases your preparedness beyond the basics that you can chip away at.

Make Your Important Documents Disaster Proof

You saw in last weeks tip how quickly a fire can spread. The truth is you won't have time to do anything except grab what you've prepared and get out alive (hopefully). If you missed that amazing video and article click here to see it: [The 5 Minute Prepper #1 Prepare For Everyday Emergencies; Fire](#)

Rebuilding your life after a disaster like that will be a whole lot easier if you have a copy of your most important papers.

You can safeguard your important documents by putting them in a highly rated fire safe. Another great way to safely store these documents is to scan them into your computer, put them in an encrypted file and store the file on a thumb drive in another location, or possibly a cloud data service (make sure your files are encrypted!).

Here are some of the important documents you need to safeguard:

- Birth certificates
- SSN cards
- Photo IDs
- Vehicle titles and registrations
- Bank account records
- Marriage license
- Insurance documents
- Passports
- Wills and living trust documents
- Deeds
- Diplomas and licenses
- Logins and passwords of needed websites
- Immunization records

Until next week,
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