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Why Prepare for Disaster?

A disaster can strike without warning forcing you to go for days without basic necessities or to evacuate your home.

What should you do? Create a basic plan! You will need basic supplies, enough to last at a minimum of 72 hours, of food, water, clothing, blankets, toiletries and your daily medications.

Basic knowledge of how and when to shut off gas and water as well as electric services, how to turn them back on and when it is safe to do so, is of equal importance.

How to get ready information can be found by contacting the Red Cross, Emergency Management Agency, and or your local Fire Department or Emergency Medical Service.

Disasters are made worse by those whom are capable of meeting their own needs being ill-prepared to do so.

Home and office survival kits are ready made and can be found many places such as “Quake Kare” Inc. found on the internet @ www.quakekare.com.

Being ready makes us a stronger community and nation. If you’re ready, Emergency Services can tend to the true emergencies during a disaster.

In closing, I would like to add a few words about “KI” Potassium Iodide Tablets. We have had several phone calls asking for information from how many do I take to can I give them to my dog. Here is the bottom line:

DO NOT take “KI” or “Potassium Iodide” for any reason unless directed to do so by your doctor and/or the Public Health Department. If you use it before the true emergency exists, you will not have them when they are needed if that happens. Once again the disaster will be made worse by citizens doing the wrong thing!

Do the right thing, preplan your home and family for a disaster beyond this act when directed to do so.

Tune in next month for another installment on emergency preparedness.

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