

How will you contact your loved ones if a disaster strikes and you can't reach them by phone?

Are you ready to survive for three days if you couldn't leave your home and your power was out?

IF YOU ARE NOT PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY, YOU ARE NOT ALONE

According to a recent survey by *Ready Georgia*, a program of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, 80 percent of Georgians are not adequately prepared for a large-scale disaster.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

This year, *Ready Georgia* is reminding Georgians to take a few important steps to prepare in September. But don't worry. It's easy, and you can get your family ready for under \$100.

Prepare: Create a Ready kit with the inexpensive, yet vital items outlined in the checklist below.

Plan: Make a family communications plan that includes evacuation and reunification information.

Stay Informed: Know what emergencies could affect your area and the appropriate responses.

RECOMMENDED ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN A BASIC READY KIT:

- Water—One gallon per person per day, for at least 3 days
- Food—At least a 3 day supply of non-perishable food
- Can opener, if kit contains canned food
- Radio—NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Face masks, plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Local maps



For more information on how to prepare, visit ready.ga.gov