

SHELTER

"PREPARE EVERY NEEDFUL THING"

"For many years the leaders of the Mormon Church have recommended that every family have on hand at least a year's supply of basic food, clothing, fuel (where possible) and provisions for shelter". -President Ezra Taft Benson

I find it interesting that shelter is often mentioned by the Brethren as a preparedness item. Many of us have camping gear, do we think of that as part of our preparedness supplies? For those of you who don't have camping gear, did you think about the importance of it?

What if your home was not safe to live in? What if we had to relocate because our area was not safe to stay in. Do you have a shelter that would stand up to wind, rain or even snow to keep you protected from the elements and offer you some privacy?

Level 1: A space/ emergency or regular blanket for your 72+ hour kit, trash bag or poncho

Level 2: A GOOD sleeping bag (0° or lower), tarp or plastic sheeting.

Level 3: A ground pad for comfort and insulation, wool blanket, good 3-4 season tent.

Level 4: Cot, backpack, shower/bathroom, cooking tent, table, chairs, tarps, parachute cord

Is shelter more than just something overhead?

Do you have clothing for every season...especially winter?

Level One: (72 hour kit) 1 change of clothes; underwear; socks; shoes; a light jacket; work gloves and a bandana.

Level Two: 3 more changes of clothes, underwear and socks; sturdy shoes; a hat, some warm gloves, and heavier coat; pajamas, bathing suit.

Level Three: Warm Clothes (clothes that would protect you from the elements if you weren't in a warm house); warm coat, hat, gloves, socks; and rain gear.

Level Four: Extra clothes; bigger clothes for growing children; work clothes; bolts of material and sewing supplies; 1-2 extra pairs of sturdy, comfortable shoes.

How will you prepare your food? What will you eat out of?

How will you cook your food and stay warm in the winter?

Level One: 3 can openers, utensils, knife. **Batteries;** firewood; newspapers; matches (box 250)

Level Two: Skillet; mixing bowls; whisk; stirring spoon; plates; spatula; strainer. **Matches,** Stove fuel-3 mo; Lamp fuel- 3 mo.; matches (5 boxes); fire starter

Level Three: Ice box cooler; Applebox oven; pots and pans; grinder; asst. pans, canning jars. **Charcoal** (22 bags); heater; lantern/heater fuel- 9 more months

Level Four: Solar Oven; Wonder Oven; bowls; baking pans; large pots; pressure canner; electric grinder; etc. **Gasoline** w/ additive (Sta-bil); fuel pump;

matchless lighter; generator/fuel; solar panel/battery/inverter; metal bucket (burning ashes);

How will you clean up yourself and your surroundings?

Level One: Bucket; toilet paper; tampons; soaps; bleach; plunger; trash bags; sponge, towels

Level Two: Portable Toilet; trash bags; TP; soaps; laundry soap; clothesline; broom, towels

Level Three: Washboard & tub; clothes pins; shampoo; razors; paper towels; lime, scissors, etc.

Level Four: Toilet Seat; no-Electric washer; wringer; rinse tub; solar shower; mouthwash

How will you see in the dark to get around? Inside and outside...

Level One: 3 Lightsticks (12 hour); flashlight/batteries; tea candles (100); matches for 90 days

Level Two: Extra batteries; lantern or oil lamp and fuel; matches for 90 day; candles/holders

Level Three: 20-100 Hour Candles; extra lantern parts and fuel for 1 year; solar charge battery

Level Four: Garden Solar lights; led light strings for solar lighting; kerosene lantern & parts

How will you take care of yourself if the hammer or knife slips?

Level One: 30 days daily medications; pain reliever; spare glasses; gloves; masks; first aid kit

Level Two: 90 days daily medication; burn gel; antibiotics; insect repellent; sunscreen; first aid+

Level Three: Splints; medicines; eye wash; moleskin; First Aid Kit ++; First Aid Training

Level Four: First Aid Kit +++; burn kit; birthing kit; suturing kit; iodine tablets; CERT

How will you communicate with others and the outside world for news or help?

Level One: whistle (can be heard from afar); corded phone; cell phone battery charger

Level Two: Emergency radio (for listening); walkie-talkie type radios w/ extra batteries, map

Level Three: Amateur radio license and handheld Ham radio, extra batteries

Level Four: Mobile Ham radio unit, powerful antenna and alternative power sources.

If and when the food supply runs out, how will you grow your own?

Gardening, canning, dehydrating, leathering...

"Men who can perform useful skills with their hands will be in increasing demand. Handymen, farmers, builders, tailors, gardeners, and mechanics can and will prove a real blessing to their families and their fellowmen." Ezra Taft Benson, "Prepare Ye"

How will you protect you and your family from wild dogs, animals, gangsters and looters?

Level One: Keep the commandments, listen to and follow promptings; family and neighbors

Level Two: Insurance, will or trust; protecting identity and computers; ward block units

Level Three: Self-Defense class; places of refuge (Stake)

Level Four: Guns and ammunition (as led by the Spirit); tactical training

5 Steps to Success

- Pray for confirmation, desire and means
- Inventory what you already have
- Make a List of what you still NEED; want
- Use It: Avoid problems, healthier, rotate your 3-month supply.
- DO IT! Your survival depends on it

You may find some people who make fun of you for preparing. Be of good cheer; you are in good company.

Think of Noah...

- No rain or anything to worry about
 - People didn't believe him
 - They thought he was crazy
 - They thought it wouldn't happen

Well!