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Are You Ready for an Emergency?

September is Preparedness Month – Build an Emergency Kit

(MADISON) – Are you ready for an emergency? Unfortunately, many people are not ready. That's why Governor Scott Walker has proclaimed September as Preparedness Month to encourage families to get prepared for an emergency.

“Without warning, a disaster or an emergency could strike our home, our neighborhood or our community. Depending upon the magnitude of the disaster, it could be hours or even days before emergency help arrives,” said Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator Brian Satula. “That's why now is the time as a family to put together emergency kits for your home and your vehicles before disaster strikes.”

Putting together a home disaster kit is easy. Many items you probably already have at home. Gather non-perishable food and bottled water to last three days. Consider items such as flashlights with extra batteries, special needs items including diapers and medications, and pet food and supplies. Place all the items in plastic containers to keep them dry and store in the basement or in a location that you can pull out quickly.

Also put together emergency kits for your vehicles with bottled water and food such as granola bars, flashlight, blankets and other warm items, cell phone charger, battery charger and a first aid kit. These items could come in handy if you are ever stranded in your vehicle during a storm. For a complete list of emergency kit ideas, please go to: <http://www.readywisconsin.wi.gov/kit/GetKit.asp>.

This September, ReadyWisconsin is highlighting easy and inexpensive ways for you and your family to prepare for emergency situations. You can visit <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov> for more information. You can also follow us on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

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