

PREPAREDNESS

Disaster Preparedness

Thankfully very few of us will experience a very serious and devastating natural disaster such as a major flood, fire, tornado, hurricane, or earthquake that completely destroys our home. But some will, and unfortunately in these instances any food storage, and other preparedness preparation, will most likely be destroyed as well.

In spite of the devastating situations noted above, food and water storage and other preparedness preparation is very important for many other situations such as in the case of a temporary loss of a job, and helping others that may have been devastated in one of the major catastrophes noted above. But the most important reason for food, and water preparedness is a temporary and, more importantly, a sustained disruption in the supply chain and/or power grid. These disruptions in the supply chain could be man made (truckers strike, or panic buying as in the case of Covid) or by natural disaster.

When considering your disaster preparedness don't overlook the fact that often times "Cash is King". What exactly is meant by that? Simply put, except in the case of the supply chain disruption scenario (where no amount of cash would be helpful), cash may be the very best answer for all the other situations noted above. It certainly is true in the event of a natural disaster that destroys your home and everything in it. Cash is also probably a better alternative if you lose a job as you could buy what is immediately needed and not just rely on whatever you may have stored. And if we are helping others who have had their home destroyed or lost a job, cash is probably most universally helpful. So don't overlook having a savings "nest egg" as part of your emergency preparedness program.

Everyday Preparedness

Everyday preparedness is being ready and able to solve the everyday situations/emergencies that arise in all of our lives on a fairly regular basis. Some of these situations are not really time sensitive and can be resolved with some time and research, while others are emergencies that need to be solved NOW!

For those situations that are not immediately urgent there are many resources we can go to to figure out how to fix the problem. Our phones are by far the best and most convenient resource that is available to each of us. With your phone you can research how to fix, clean, make, repair, and solve almost any problem. So make up a list of things you would like to know about and start the search. You might want to first start researching those things that are time sensitive, such as how to properly use a fire extinguisher. You won't have time to look up this information if you have a fire...you need to know what to do immediately.

Here are a few things you might want to research. How and where to turn off the water, and/or power in an emergency. How to open your garage door if the opener is broken or power goes out. How to "reset" power for a garbage disposal, GFCI plug and other appliances. How to dislodge something (small pebble/bone) that is stuck in the garbage disposal. How to start your car when the battery in the key fob goes dead. There are endless little problems that need to be solved day in and day out. So start your searching and researching today. You may find it not only valuable but fun and interesting as well. Good luck!