

# 1.4 Tasks – Actions to Take Before an Event

Since not all emergencies are created equal and not all disasters affect us equally, some tasks are more appropriate to certain types of scenarios than others. A direct event such as an earthquake or hurricane is most often the default scenario for disaster planning but an indirect event such as a power grid failure or pandemic can be equally as dangerous. Frequently, calamities cause a domino effect that create problems common to most disasters – food and water deprivation, displacement, disconnection from municipal and life-support systems as well as a break in lines of communication. Having an “**All-risk**” approach to disaster event planning is both prudent and reassuring. Tailor the following to your own needs and circumstance:

- Store Water and Accessories (See ‘Thirst’)
  - Stock “3 Rings” of Food (See ‘Table’)
  - Prepare ‘ReadyBags’ (See ‘Tools’)
  - Stock Paper products including;
    - Picnic Tableware,
    - Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Paper Towels
  - Store Extra Clothing and Bedding
  - Prepare Sanitation Kit (See ‘Tools’)
  - Prepare Personal Hygiene Kits (See ‘Tools’)
  - Prepare Sundries Kit (See ‘Tools’)
  - Store Light and Power Sources (See ‘Tools’)
  - Prepare Toolkit (See ‘Tools’)
  - Prepare a “**Gear Up**” pack with;
    - Heavy shirt / pants,
    - Boots / Heavy shoes and extra socks,
    - Waterproof jacket,
    - Leather gloves,
    - Hard hat / Helmet,
    - Solar Flashlight / Headlamp  
(Position under bed in a wide, shallow box
  - Find and Clear Access to;
    - Gas Meter (attach turn-off tool),
    - Electrical Panel,
    - Water Valve (House Main & Street Meter),
    - Water Heater (Secure to Wall)
  - Position First-Aid Supplies and Kits (See ‘Tools’)
  - Position and Inspect Fire Extinguishers
  - Prepare Communication Plan (See ‘Talk’)
  - Practice Evacuation Plan (See ‘Training’)
  - Prepare Camp Cooking and Fire (See ‘Tools’)
  - Prepare Camp Shelter (See ‘Tools’)
  - Prepare Pet Supplies and Medicines
  - Stock Games and Books
  - Determine Emergency Alerts & Warnings
  - Prepare Document Bag / Folio with;
    - Emergency Contacts,
    - Resource Maps and Charts,
    - Key Instructions & Reference,
    - **Financial Folio (See ‘Tender’)**,
    - Heritage Photos,
    - **Currency Purse with coins, currency, silver,**
    - Medical Folio with prescriptions, vital info,
    - Vital Records (Certificates, Passports, SSN),
    - Pet Ownership / Veterinary Records
  - Secure Hanging Objects / Furniture
  - Secure Kitchen Cabinets
  - Secure Garage / Storage
  - Perform Structural Mitigation
- Consider-
- Pre-paid Cell phone with Solar Charger
  - Pre-paid Debit and Phone cards
  - Tablet with Solar Charger and Reference Drives
  - Favorite Vice (Think of it as Barter Material)