

20/20 A Year of Preparation

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Monthly Tip #1

- Share with your spouse! Banking, investment & insurance information (account #'s, contact information for broker/investment firm/bank, login information) .

JANUARY TO DO #1

- Is your information in LDS tools correct? If not - update it!!!
- Need help - talk to Br. Gottenbos or Bro. Straight.
- To update your address - talk to Bro. Straight.

Monthly Tip #2

- Get a jar or other container and every time you have \$ coins, put them in the jar.
- Do it for the year and see how much you'll have.

JANUARY TO DO #2 - Home 72 Hour Kit

- Put a copy of the information you gathered in Tip #1 into your 72 Hour Home Kit.
- Gather other important information and copies of important documents (see attachment).

Self-Reliance—the Principle of Preparation

Members of the Church have been counseled for many years to be prepared for adversity. Preparation, both spiritual and temporal, can dispel fear (see D&C 38-30).

Elder L. Tom Perry taught, “The need for preparation is abundantly clear. The great blessing of being prepared gives us freedom from fear” (“If Ye Are Prepared Ye Shall Not Fear”, Oct. 1995 General Conference).

With the guidance of Church leaders, individuals and families should prepare to be self-reliant in times of personal and widespread tragedy.

PREPARATION

As members of the Church, we know that it is our responsibility to provide for ourselves and our families both in good times and in bad. Part of fulfilling that obligation is making preparations now to face whatever challenges may come our way.

Pres. Spencer W. Kimball taught that we must be “anxiously engages in a positive program of preparation.” It is not enough to hope for the best; we must prepare for it.

The Church prepares for emergencies by stabling and maintaining an emergency response plan in each ward and stake.

The 5th point in each ward’s emergency plan is:

5. Encourage member preparation.

How can I prepare for an emergency?

Church members are encouraged to make an emergency plan and update it regularly. As you make an emergency plan, consider each of these elements.

1. Avoid debt and live within your means.
2. Gain an adequate education.
3. Keep a reserve of food and other supplies.
4. Obtain first aid training.

Home 72 Hour Kit - start building it!

3. Keep a reserve of food and other supplies - 72 Hour Kits.

Over the next 7 months we will review the major items we should have in our Home 72 Hour Kits.

As you build your emergency supply - include a financial reserve. So, **Step #1**, let’s build an **Emergency Fund**.

Figure out how much you want for your immediate Emergency Fund. The amount is up to you! Di-

vide that amount by 12 and save it each month. Put it in a safe place in your home so it’s on-hand.

Note: Try to have smaller currency: loonies, toonies, \$5, \$10, & \$20 dollar bills.