# !! Be Ready Saginaw County!!

## November's Objective: **EMERGENCY SUPPLIES KIT**

Disasters happen anytime and anywhere without warning.
When disaster strikes it is easier to cope when you are prepared.
!! Be Ready Saginaw County!! recommends creating an Emergency Supply Kit.

### **BASIC SUPPLIES AND TOOLS**

- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Battery powered radio and extra batteries
- Cash, loose change (if power is out ATMs will not work)
- A whistle to signal for help
- First aid kit
- Emergency reference manual (such as first aid book)
- Napkins, paper cups, plates, plastic utensils, can opener, eye dropper, measuring spoons
- Paper towels
- Key phone numbers
- Area map
- Hammer
- Safety pins
- Sealable Bags
- Cell phone charging cord

#### Where can I find these items?

Local retail stores will have most of these items.

#### How much will this cost?

The cost will depend on the number of people in your household and how much you have to purchase. You may already have many of these items on hand.

#### Tips for success...

Store your kit in a convenient place known to everyone in your household. Keep items in an easy to carry container, such as a plastic storage container, wheeled suitcase, or a duffel bag. Rethink your kit and household needs at least once a year. Replace batteries, update clothes, etc.

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- Fire extinguisher (small ABC canister)
- Signal flare
- Tent or tarp
- Pliers, shovel and other useful tools
- Compass
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Duct tape and work gloves
- Paper and pencils (marking pens)
- Shut-off wrench (to turn off household gas and water)
- Plastic sheeting
- Scissors
- Utility knife
- Rope
- Insect repellent / sunscreen
- Toys for children

#### **CLOTHING AND BEDDING**

- Jackets or coats
- Long pants
- Long sleeved shirts
- Sturdy work shoes / boots
- Hats and gloves
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person in the house
- Socks

Note: Update clothing and bedding at least once a year to account for growing children, the change in seasons, etc.

#### SANITATION

- Plastic garbage bag, ties
- Toilet paper
- Feminine hygiene supplies
- Personal hygiene supplies
- Plastic bucket with lid
- Disinfectant
- Household bleach to treat drinking water
- Tissue
- Hand sanitizer

