



## EMERGENCY READINESS CHECKLIST

### STEP 1: KNOW THE BASICS

- \_\_\_ The most important disaster issues for the area where I live.
- \_\_\_ The recommended life-saving responses for disasters that could strike with little or no warning.
- \_\_\_ If there were an evacuation order, the recommended route from where I live? My evacuation transportation options. The location of the nearest emergency shelter.
- \_\_\_ The location of shut-off valves for my household utilities (gas, electricity, water) and how to use them. If they take a special tool, then it should be kept right there, ready to use.
- \_\_\_ Designate an out-of-area emergency contact, in case local phone service is disrupted. Make sure my loved ones know the emergency communications plan.
- \_\_\_ Make it a point to meet my neighbors, in case we need to help one another in an emergency.