This month, we focus on creating a plan — a critical step in emergency preparedness. If you are not with your family when disaster strikes, your first priority afterwards will be reconnecting with them. Having a plan helps ensure your family members know what to do and where to go following a disaster.

**Step 2: MAKE A PLAN**

It’s very possible you’ll be away from your family when a disaster strikes. Between work, school, outside activities and responsibilities, there are likely more than a few possibilities on where you and your loved ones might be. For this reason, it’s important to:

- Know which types of disasters could affect your area
- Know how to contact one another and reconnect if separated
- Establish a meeting place that’s familiar and easy to find

Start building a plan by discussing these 4 important questions with your family, friends, or household.

1. How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings?
2. What is my shelter plan?
3. What is my evacuation route?
4. What is my family/household communication plan?

**EASY TASK**

Download and complete a family emergency plan or use as a guide to create your own.

**Ready.gov** offers a variety of emergency plans and guides for families, kids, and commuters. Visit [www.ready.gov/plan](http://www.ready.gov/plan) to view or download.

**Share your photos for a chance to win emergency preparation prizes! See October’s winner and details on back!**

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**Supplies**

- **Water:** Continue to build your water supply of 1 gallon of water per person per day for at least 3 days
- **Food:** Continue to add to your supply of non-perishable food
- **Medicines/First Aid:** Collect at least 1 week of daily medications and common first aid supplies. Include necessities like spare eyeglasses, hearing aid batteries, syringes, EpiPens
- **Chlorine bleach**

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**Specific Needs**

While building a plan, consider specific needs your family has. Do you have infants, children, or elderly family members in your household? How about pets? Do you need electricity for medical equipment? Adjust your plan with these needs in mind.

**Create a Network**

Work with friends and neighbors to build a network. Is there someone who can provide child care or care for your pets/animals in an emergency? Do you have skills you can offer your neighbors?

**One Step Ahead**

Practice your plan with your family and network. Does each family member know the plan and have a copy of it? Do they know where to meet following a disaster in case phone, cellular, and Internet services are unavailable?
Share Your Progress and ENTER TO WIN!

Making progress with your preparedness efforts? Share your photos for a chance to win great emergency preparedness prizes!

- Simply take a photo of your progress
  This can be a photo of your supplies, a designated storage area, you or a family member shopping or packing an emergency kit, etc.

- Send your photo to us by December 15, 2019, to be entered in November’s prize drawing.
  - Photos can be sent to TeamEmerald@epud.org,
  - Posted to our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/EmeraldPUD),
  - or mailed/delivered to the EPUD office at:

  **EPUD 1 Step Forward, 33733 Seavey Loop Road, Eugene, OR 97405**

Eligibility: Must be an EPUD customer to participate in prize drawings. Limit one entry per household per month. By submitting your photo, you consent to EPUD using your photo and first name on our social media channels, email communications, and printed publications.

Congratulations, JENNIFER C.!

Jennifer is the winner of October’s prize drawing! She submitted this photo of the 229 gallons of drinking water they have stored on pallets in the garage. She also noted that the barrels are strapped to the wall in the event of an earthquake.

Great job, Jennifer!

She won a **WeatherX® Weatherband/AM/FM Radio** and a loaded **Mayday® Survival Kit**. The kit includes food, water, flashlight, radio, tent, utility knife, first aid materials, and much more.

Thank you for participating in EPUD’s 1 Step Forward program!