



National Preparedness Month Tip of the Day

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*There are a few simple steps you and your family can take to become better prepared for an emergency: **Get a Kit**, **Make a Plan**, **Be Informed** and **Get Involved**. This September, during National Preparedness Month, please follow these "Tips of the Day" from the American Red Cross and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to help you and your family get started today!*



Backing Up Your Important Documents



Do you have your critical files already backed up, stored on CD-ROM or thumb/flash drive yet? It isn't difficult to do and can be done in minimal time.

If you were given only five minutes to leave your home, what would you do? The first thing would be to gather your family, pets and quickly grab your go-kits. What about your financial and other important documents? Most people have them stored in different places, and in an emergency, we may not be thinking clearly about where they all are fast enough to get to them. That's why keeping a current copy of your critical financial and other important documents

on an easily portable external storage device, such as a thumb drive or CD-ROM that you can take with you in an evacuation.

Rebuilding your life after a disaster is never easy. Now add the financial and assets portion to that! By taking the time now to prepare your personal and financial records, you can save yourself and your family from countless hours of work and worry in case the papers are destroyed, and you will be able to concentrate on your safety and the safety of your family.

Back on January of this year, I did an in-depth Fact of the Week on this very topic. For your easy reference, click the following link to read this very important and informative article. You'll be glad you did.

http://www.kingscountyoem.com/CountyKings/Preparedness_Fact_01042010_Financial.htm

The time you invest now could save you a lot of anguish should an emergency or disaster occur.

All 2010 National Preparedness Tips of the Day are archived for your reference:
http://www.kingscountyoem.com/countykings/FOW_NPM_Directory_2010.htm

Remember...prepare, plan and stay informed!

