

# ***Family Disaster Plan***

## **Be “Weather-Ready”**

Families should be prepared for all hazards that could affect their area. The National Weather Service and Wisconsin Emergency Management urge every family to develop a family disaster plan.

Where will your family be when disaster strikes? They could be anywhere—at work, at school, or in the car. How will you find each other? Will you know if your children are safe? Disaster may force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services—water, gas, electricity, or telephone—were cut off?

Put together a family disaster plan that answers those questions—and practice it.

## **A Disaster Supplies Kit should include...**

- A three-day supply of water and food that won't spoil.
- One change of clothing per person.
- One blanket or sleeping bag per person.
- A first aid kit, including prescription medicines.
- A battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio.
- Emergency tools, including a portable radio, flashlight, and plenty of extra batteries.
- An extra set of car keys and a credit card or cash.
- Special items for infant, elderly, or disabled family members.
- Don't forget about your pets and their food and medicine.

## ***Did You Know...***

### **Wisconsin Tornado Weather Facts**

- Wisconsin averages 23 tornadoes a year, but in the last ten years, we've had as many as 62 and as few as 4.
- The peak tornado season in Wisconsin is April to August, but they can occur any time of year, like the two tornadoes in Kenosha County on January 7, 2008.
- Tornadoes can occur any time during the day or night, but are most frequent between 4 pm and 9 pm.
- About 80% of tornadoes that hit Wisconsin are relatively weak, with winds under 110 mph. Only 1% are violent with winds over 170 mph.

### **Other Weather Awareness Dates**

Wisconsin's NOAA Weather Radio  
Awareness Day

*May 7, 2014*

Wisconsin's Heat Awareness Day

*June 12, 2014*

National Lightning Safety  
Awareness Week

*June 22–June 28, 2014*

Wisconsin's Winter Weather  
Awareness Week

*November 10–14, 2014*