Home Preparation

- Prepare your family by creating a family disaster plan.

  Escape routes
  Family communications
  Utility shut-off and safety
  Insurance and vital records
  Current family photos kept in your emergency kit, and a set kept by family member in another state
  Special needs
  Caring for animals
  Safety skills
  Medications (3 weeks to 3 months supply) and Medical Records in waterproof container

- Consider obtaining a generator to use if electricity might be off for more than 24 hours, such as occurs in ice storms.
- Back up your home computer files regularly and store backup disks with trusted persons in another state.
- Never try to cook or stay warm using a barbeque grill indoors. Carbon monoxide will build up, and can seriously harm or kill family members!
- Carbon monoxide card:
  http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/pdf/co-flyer_picto_generator.pdf
- Carbon monoxide card in Spanish:
  http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/pdf/co-flyer_picto_generator_es.pdf
- Follow FEMA emergency family planning guidelines on:

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