

How Ready Are We?

Natural Disaster or Emergency Preparedness

To better understand the needs of first responders and other emergency workers, the 2013 American Housing Survey asks U.S. residents how prepared they are for disasters.

Emergency Water Supply

At least three gallons or 24 bottles of water for each person in the household.

54.3% Yes

43.7% No

2.1% Not Reported

Nonperishable Emergency Food

Household has enough non-perishable food to sustain everyone in the household for three days.

82.0% Yes

15.9% No

2.1% Not Reported

Prepared Emergency Evacuation Kit

51.5% Yes

46.1% No

2.4% Not Reported

Emergency Meeting Location

37.4% Yes

60.7% No

2.0% Not reported

Communication Plan

The communication plan must include a contingency for the disruption of cell phone service.

33.0% Yes

65.2% No

1.9% Not Reported

Evacuation Vehicle(s)

Vehicle(s) must be reliable and able to carry all household members, pets, and supplies up to 50 miles away.

88.6% Yes
9.4% No
2.0% Not Reported

Evacuation Funds

If you had to evacuate your home for a safe place at least 50 miles away, do you have financial resources to meet expenses of up to \$2,000?

69.8% Yes
26.9% No
3.3% Not Reported

House or Building Number
Clearly Visible

77.5% Yes
21.2% No
1.4% Not Reported

Generator Present

18.3% Yes
80.0% No
1.3% Not Reported

Access to Financial Information

76.8% Yes
20.6% No
2.6% Not Reported

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and
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2013 American Housing Survey.

* Not Reported: Households did not provide a response to this question.

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