



SHELTER READINESS: BE PREPARED TO GO TO A SHELTER

During an emergency you may be advised by state or local officials to go to a shelter. It's important to do the following:

- **Listen for Instructions.** Be sure to have a battery operated radio with extra batteries; listen to officials when they tell you to stay where you are OR leave for a shelter. Don't count on regular kinds of communication because electricity may be out, phones, including cell phones, and wireless devices may not work. Your battery operated radio with backup batteries is the best to listen for information.
- **Getting to a shelter.** Think now about how you will get to a shelter; public transportation and taxis may not be operating. Officials may organize transportation to shelters but it is best to have your own plan for an emergency. Check that plan every couple months to make sure that plan will still work for you.
- **Planning for your needs for your shelter stay.** Complete the check list that is attached and get your "Be Prepared Kit" ready to take with you in an emergency. Think about accommodations you will need so you have them written down and be able to talk with shelter staff about your needs. Make your plan with your family and/or other support people.

SEE SHELTER CHECK LIST

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