We're ready for any emergency; are you?

Southern Pine Electric Power Association has an emergency plan and materials ready for quick response to storm-related power outages. Is your family as well prepared?

With hurricane season upon us, we strongly encourage you to take action today to prepare an emergency kit for your family. It should contain enough disaster supplies to sustain every one in your household for two weeks. Keep items in airtight plastic bags. Replace stored food and water every six months. Rethink your kit and family needs at least once a year. (Replace batteries, update clothes, etc.) And ask your physician or pharmacist about stocking up on prescription medications.

This checklist will help you plan.

- ❑ Emergency food and drinking water
- ❑ At least one change of clothes
- ❑ Baby food, diapers and formula
- ❑ Batteries
- ❑ Bleach (without lemon or additives)
- ❑ Books, magazines, cards and games
- ❑ Butane lighters
- ❑ Cash and credit cards
- ❑ Camera and film
- ❑ Car keys
- ❑ Grill or camp stove
- ❑ Personal identification
- ❑ Charcoal and lighter fluid, or full propane tank for gas grill
- ❑ Clock (non-electric)
- ❑ Cooler (with ice)
- ❑ Duct and masking tape
- ❑ Extension cords
- ❑ Fire extinguisher
- ❑ First aid kit
- ❑ Flashlights
- ❑ Heavy plastic
- ❑ Lanterns with extra fuel
- ❑ Manual can opener
- ❑ Matches
- ❑ Medicines, glasses or contact supplies
- ❑ Pet food
- ❑ Phone numbers of places you could go
- ❑ Plastic trash bags
- ❑ Radio (battery-operated or TV)
- ❑ Rope
- ❑ Sleeping bags, pillows and blankets
- ❑ Soap and shampoo
- ❑ Sturdy shoes
- ❑ Toilet paper and towelettes
- ❑ Tool kit including hammer, crowbar, nails, saw, gloves, etc.
- ❑ Water purification tablets