

First 72 on You: Home Preparedness Checklist

Preparing Your Home:

- Know how to shut off your home's utilities (gas, water, electricity)
- Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors; check batteries regularly
- Identify the safest areas in your home for different types of disasters (e.g., basement for tornadoes)
- Clear debris and flammable materials from around your home (especially important in wildfire-prone areas)
- Secure heavy furniture and shelves to prevent tipping
- Create a defensible space of at least 30 feet around your home (for wildfire risk)
- Check roof, windows, and doors for possible leaks or weaknesses
- Keep fire extinguishers in accessible locations
- Prepare your vehicle: Keep the gas tank at least half full
- Register saferooms with Emergency Management