READY OR NOT CO.

ONE SMALL THING A MONTH

THE READINESS CALENDAR

Twelve small steps. Do one a month and a year from now you are ready.

JANUARY
Write family contacts on paper and put a copy in every bag

FEBRUARY
Store water: one gallon per person per day for several days

MARCH
Test the flashlights and the radio, and replace batteries

APRIL
Copy ID, insurance and bank records into a waterproof container

MAY
Walk your evacuation routes, two ways out

JUNE
Sign up for your county emergency alerts

JULY
Wildfire season: N95 masks and a room you can close off

AUGUST
Refresh the go bag: clothes, medications, snacks

SEPTEMBER
Winter car kit: blankets, jumper cables, traction, full tank

OCTOBER
Rotate stored water and food, and test the CO alarm

NOVEMBER
Practice the first hour with the whole family

DECEMBER
Small bills of cash on hand, and check on a neighbor

This is our suggested rhythm. Ready.gov advises reviewing your supplies on a schedule so food and water stay fresh.

Sources: Ready.gov, Build a Kit; Ready.gov, Make a Plan; Flathead County OES, Emergency Notifications. Last reviewed November 17, 2026. General planning information, not medical, legal or financial advice.