

Emergency Preparedness

Being Prepared For Mother Nature's Extremes

(NAPSA)—Whether it is a hurricane, tornado, earthquake or extended blackout, unexpected situations created by Mother Nature can happen anytime, anywhere.

A recent national study found that while most Americans have experienced an emergency or severe weather situation, over half do not have an emergency kit at home and one third don't believe they need one.

To help, the preparedness experts at the Etón Corporation, a leading creator of high-performance, green-powered consumer products and the sponsor of the study, recommend a few steps you can take to better prepare for the unexpected:

Make A Preparedness Kit That Contains The Following:

- Bottled water and nonperishable food
- Extra clothes and blankets for each family member
- First aid kit
- A self-powered emergency radio and flashlight combo, such as one from the Etón FRX Series. An AM/FM/NOAA radio will keep you informed, while the rechargeable battery (recharged via solar panel or hand crank) ensures you never run out of light or power. More advanced radios, such as the FRX 3, can even charge mobile devices via a USB port on the device.

Create A Disaster Plan

- Get together with family, friends and neighbors to discuss



A self-powered radio and flashlight combo is great to have on hand for emergencies.

what disasters or emergencies could happen in the area and figure out the best plan for the community.

- Take a first aid or CPR class.
- Teach children their basic personal information so they can identify themselves if they become separated from a parent/guardian.
- Plan a place where your family can meet in the event of an emergency.

Educate And Inform

Even with a disaster plan and preparedness kit in place, you are not fully prepared unless every family member is informed about the plan—and the potential for disasters.

Once you're aware of the type of disasters that can occur in the region where you live, find out if there's a "season" or time of year when these events are most prevalent.

For more information about Etón Corporation or the FRX Series of self-powered safety radios, visit www.etoncorp.com.