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SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS: PREPAREDNESS KITS

PEARL – To increase your chances of safely surviving a disaster MEMA encourages residents to develop and familiarize yourself and your family with a disaster plan and maintain a family disaster supply kit.

Make sure your disaster supply kit has life sustaining items such as non-perishable food and water for at least three to five days.

A Disaster Supply Kit should include the following:

- Flashlight(s) with extra batteries.
- Portable radio with extra batteries.
- NOAA Weather Radio.
- Non-perishable food for at least three days.
- Bottled water (1 gallon per person per day).
- First Aid Kit with prescription medications.
- Bedding and clothing for each family member.
- Blankets and towels.
- Plastic dishes and eating utensils.
- Rain jackets and pants.
- Sun screen, sunglasses and mosquito repellent.
- Baby supplies such as food, diapers and medication.
- Pet supplies such as food, leash, carrier and vaccination records.
- Sanitary supplies.
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, cleanser, bleach, towelettes, toilet paper, trash bags, feminine hygiene products.
- Copies of important documents.
- Driver's license, SS card, proof of residence, insurance policies, wills, deeds, birth and marriage certificates, tax records, medical records, family pictures, etc.
- Cash, enough to fill up your car with gas and travelers checks.
- Emergency generator.

Governor Haley Barbour proclaimed Feb. 21- 25 Severe Weather Awareness Week in Mississippi.

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