Are You Prepared?

Please take a moment to answer the following ten questions and calculate the results to determine if your family is prepared for a possible natural disaster:

1.) Do you have enough food stored to feed your family for three days? Yes No
2.) Have you stored 3 gallons of water for each family member?
Yes No
3.) Do you have a flashlight and batteries? Yes No
4.) Do you have a portable radio and batteries? Yes No
5.) Is each member of your family familiar with the location of all utility shut off valves?
Yes No
6.) Do you have a large adjustable wrench to turn off the gas if necessary?
Yes No
7.) Is your hot water heater strapped to the wall?
Yes No
8.) Do you have first aid supplies?
Yes No
9.) Has at least one member of your family taken first aid training?
YesNo
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10.) Does each family member know where your home safe places are? Yes No
Total your score here: Total # of Yes Total # of No

If you answered yes to all 10 questions you can consider yourself minimally prepared.

If you answered no to one or more questions then you are considered to in *Inadequately* prepared.

Let's Think, Write, Prepare!

Ask yourself the following questions and write down your answers.

- 1.) What will you do when there is a full scale depression?
- 2.) What will you do if a natural disaster such as a Blizzard, another pandemic, or chaos in the streets prevents you from conducting business as usual?
- 3.) What will you do if there is no food in the stores and no lights (electricity), water or gas available?
- 4.) Suppose you could not get anymore supplies or services from anywhere for four to six months, and you had to live off only what you have in your home today:
 - How long could you survive?
 - What would you do?
- 5.) What will be your primary source of heat at your survival location? (Fireplace, wood stove, kerosene heater...)
- 6.) How many competent friends would join your survival efforts?
- 7.) Where is your family's written plan in the event of a fire, pandemic, and natural disaster?