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**Be Sure
Your Cell
Phone Is
On Quiet
Or Vibrate**

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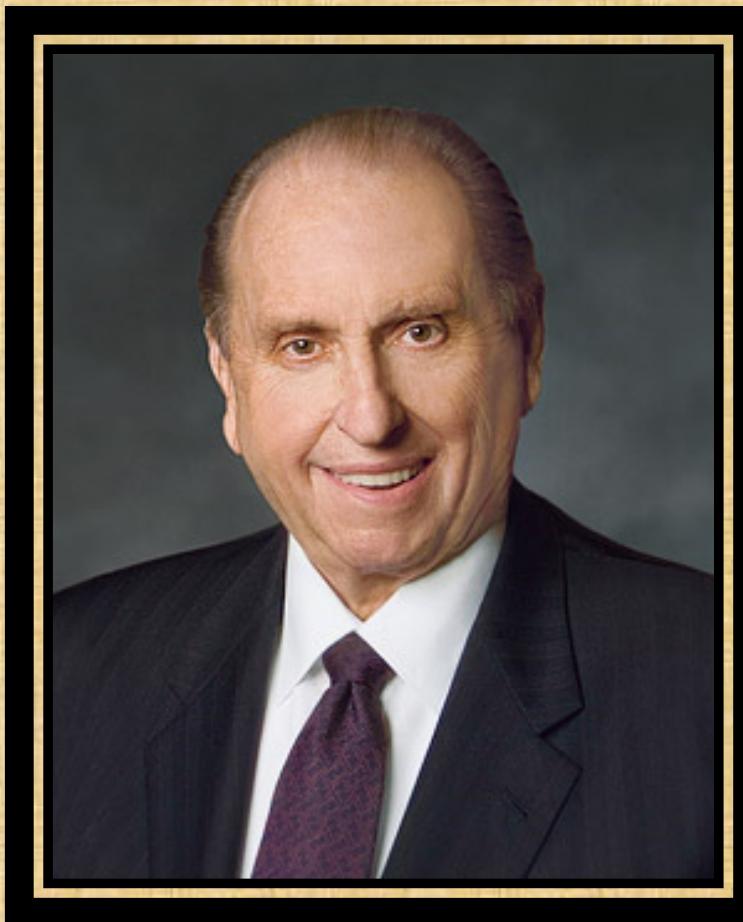
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First Presidency Message

Are We Prepared?

President Thomas S. Monson – Ensign Sept 2014



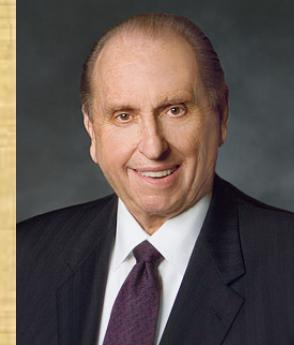


We urge all Latter-day Saints to be prudent in their planning, to be conservative in their living, and to avoid excessive or unnecessary debt. Many more people could ride out the storm-tossed waves in their economic lives if they had a supply of food and clothing and were debt-free.

Today we find that many have followed this counsel in reverse:
They have a supply of debt and are food-free.



Are we prepared?



- Are we prepared for the emergencies in our lives?
- Are our skills perfected?
- Do we live providently?
- Do we have our reserve supply on hand?
- Are we obedient to the commandments of God?
- Are we responsive to the teachings of prophets?
- Are we prepared to give of our substance to the poor, the needy?
- Are we square with the Lord?

**We live in turbulent times.
Often the future is unknown;
therefore, it behooves us to
prepare for uncertainties.**

President Monson did not state that we do not know what is in the future. We are given revelation by the prophets and many have had the future revealed to them through personal revelation, dreams and visions. Joel 2:28

When the time for decision arrives,
the time for preparation is past.

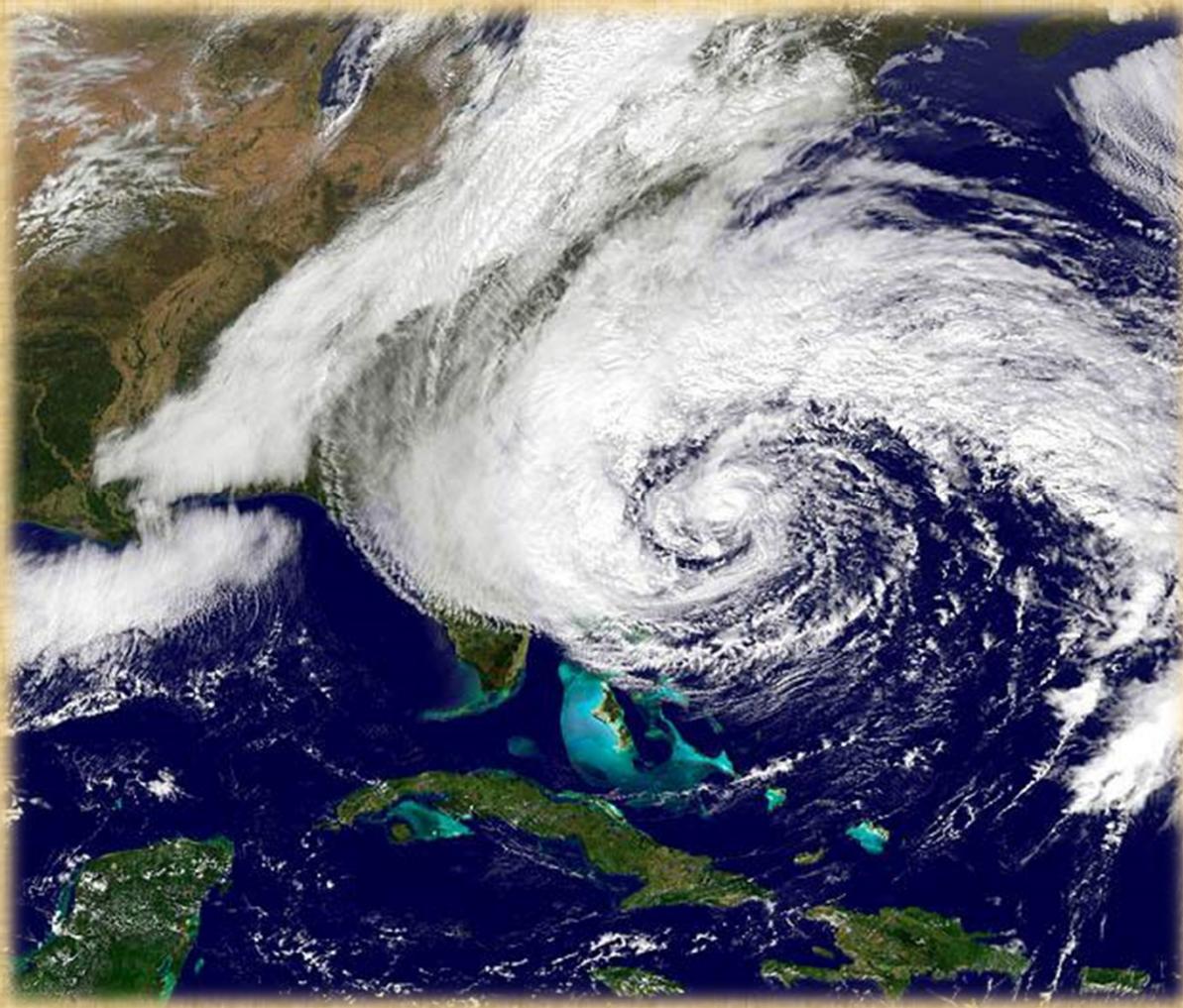


We need to have a plan, supplies and be prepared. For when the storm arrives it is too late to gather what is needed.

Things I learned from Hurricane Sandy

October 29, 2014 - By Frantz Ostmann

Written Saturday, November 17, 2012



The excitement and coolness
wears off around day 3.



You are never really prepared to go weeks without power, heat, water etc. Never!



Yes it can happen to you!



I was surprised how quickly normal social behavior goes out the window. I am not talking about someone cutting in line at the grocery store.

3 people were killed at the gas stations within 50 miles of my home.

I did not say 3 fights broke out, 3 people were killed.



If you are not working, chances are nobody else is either.



The electrical grid is way more fragile than I thought.



You cannot believe the utility companies. They are run by politicians!!

Or so it seems.



I was surprised how many things run on electricity!



Just because your generator runs like a top, does not mean its producing electricity.



Some things take a ton of
power to operate:

Fridge
Toaster
Freezer
Hot plate
Microwave

Even the smallest little thing that you get from the store should be stocked up (spark plug for the generator, BBQ lighter, etc.)



Most things don't take much power to operate:

Computers

Phones

Radios

TV

Lights



Small solar charging gadgets will keep you in touch. Most work pretty well it seems.

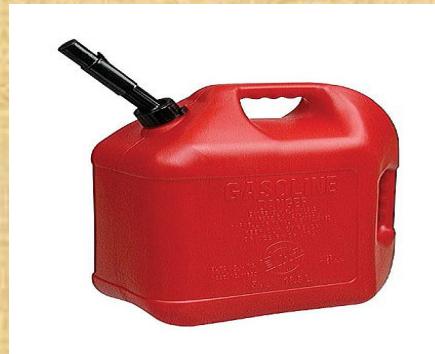
You quickly become the guy in the neighborhood who knows how to wire a generator to the electrical panel, directly wire the furnace to a small generator, or get the well pump up and running on inverter power

OR

You are the guy whose Master's degree in Accounting suddenly means nothing.

You should have as much fuel as water.

- Propane
- Gas
- Kerosene
- Firewood
- Fire starter,
(kindling, paper, etc.)



*If you do not have water stored up
you are in trouble.*

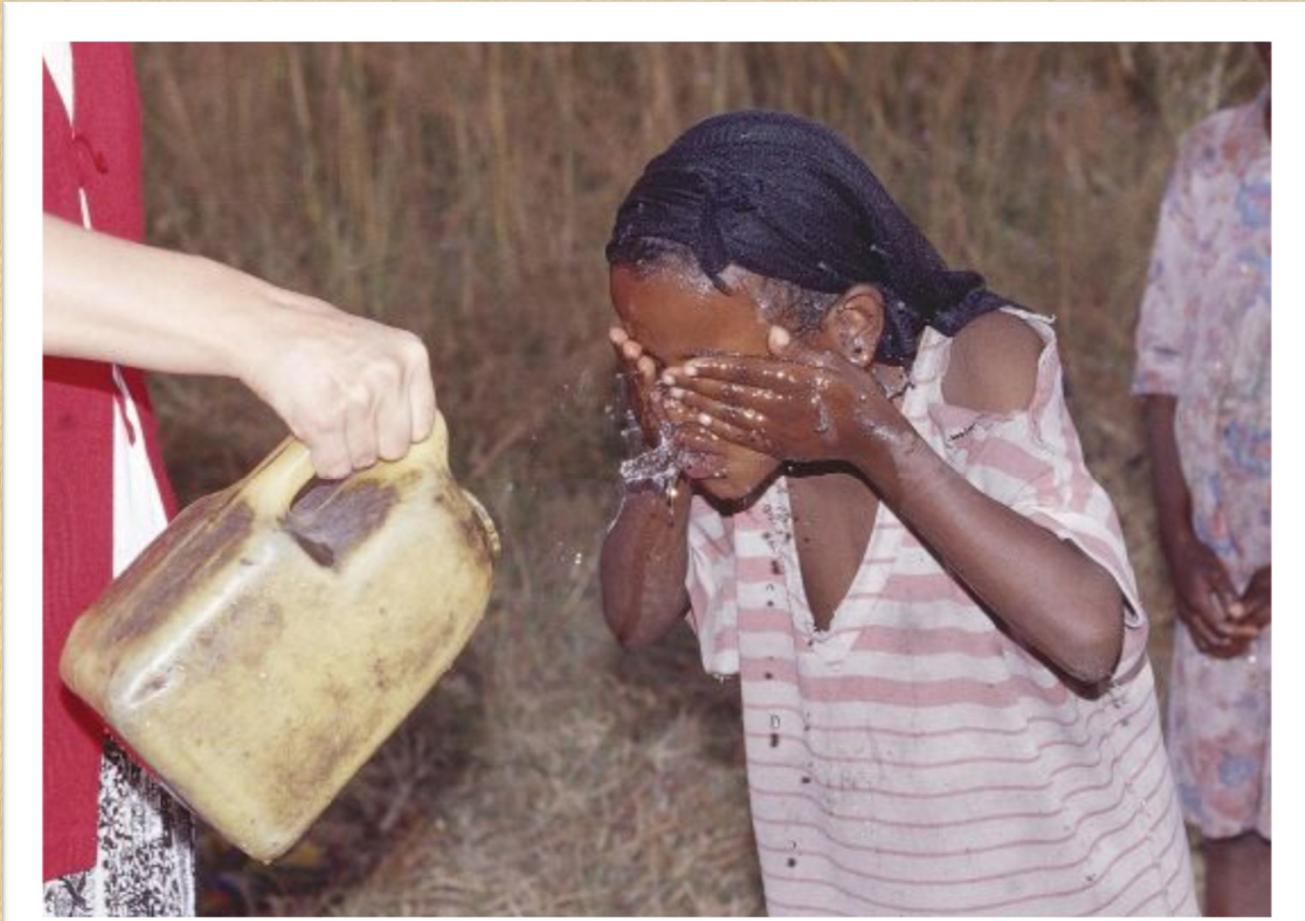


A couple of cases
of bottled water is
“NOT”
water storage.

Stored water can taste nasty.



Kids do not like washing their face in cold water.



You eat a lot more food
when you are cold!



You need more food than you think if your kids are out of school for 2 weeks.



You might be prepared to take care of your children and their needs, but what about when the neighborhood children start to show up at your door?



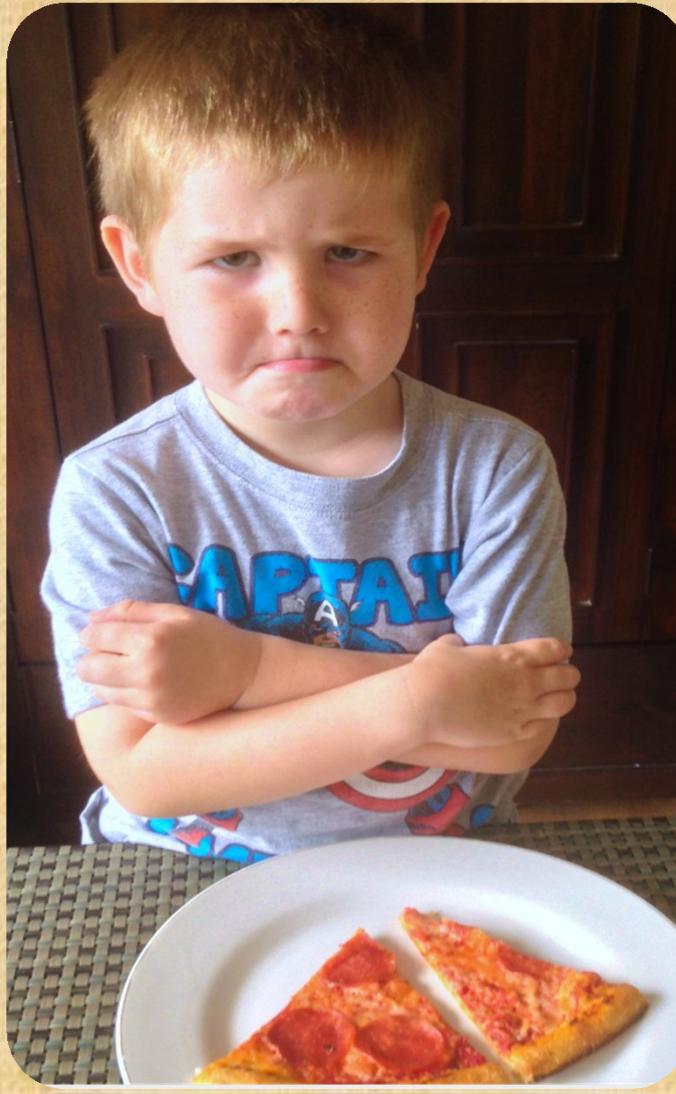
A woman who can cook a fine meal by candle light over a BBQ or open fire is worth her weight in gold.



Think of the things that are your comfort, your escape, a cup of hot chocolate, a glass of milk and a ding dong before bed, etc. Stock up on those too. You will need that comfort after day 3.



All the food storage in the world means nothing if your kids won't eat it



Mothers, everything you have ever done for your kids is forgotten if your kids are hungry.





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It helps if Someone in your family can play or learn the guitar or piano.



When it gets dark at 4:30pm, the nights are really long without power.

It takes a lot of firewood to keep a fire going all day and into the evening for heat.



You can never have enough matches.



Quote “A man with a chainsaw that knows how to use it is a thing of beauty.”



Getting out of the house is very important. Even if it is cold. Make your home the semi-warm place to come home to.. not the cold prison that you are stuck in.



All of the
expensive
clothes in the
closet mean
nothing if they
don't keep you
warm.



Same goes for
shoes... Love you
Honey!!!



Fathers, all the money you have ever made means nothing if you can't keep your kids warm.



Some people shut down in an emergency. There is nothing that you can do about that.

Cash is king (all the money in your savings means nothing)



In an emergency Men stock up on food (Ammo), Women stock up on toilet paper.



Most folks don't have any emergency storage. They run to Wal-Mart and get water and batteries and then fill their tubs with water. That is it. A lucky few will get a case of ramen and a box of Poptarts. That will be your neighbors supply.

(especially if you live outside of Utah)





Although neighbors can be a great resource, they can also be a huge drain on your emergency storage. You need to know how you are going to handle that. It is really easy to be Bob the guy who shares on Day 3, not so easy on Day 11. Just reality.



Your town, no matter how small is entirely dependent on outside sources of everything. If supply trucks stop rolling in due to road damage, gas shortages or anything else you could be without for a long time.

Anything that you depend on someone else for is not available anymore.



Things that disappeared are never to be seen again for a very long time:

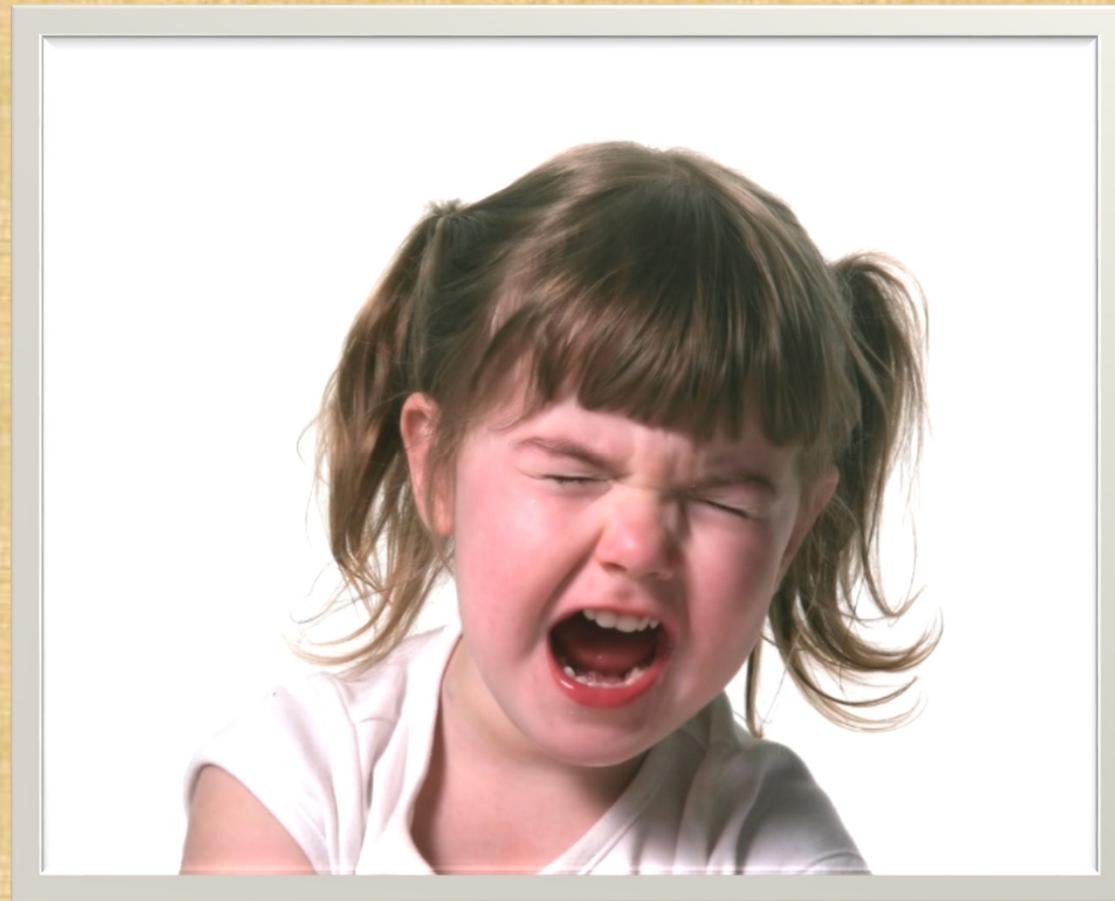
- Fuel, of all kinds
- Matches, lighter of any kind, etc.
- Toilet paper
- Paper plates, plastic forks and knives
- Batteries, didn't really see a need for them. (Flashlights??? I guess)
- Milk
- Charcoal
- Spark plugs (generators)
- 2 stroke motor oil (chainsaws)
- Anything that could be used to wire a generator to the house
- Extension cords
- Medicines (Tylenol, Advil, cold medicine, etc)



“Give a man a fish he eats for that day, teach a man to fish and he will never be hungry again...”

Now I get it.

You really do not want to be the
“Unprepared Parents”
The kids turn on you pretty quick.



Your 1972 Honda Civic gets to the grocery store as well as your 2012 Escalade... but the Honda allows money left over for heat, food, water, a generator, fire wood, a backup water pump, you get the idea...



There was a strange peace to knowing all I had to do each day was keep my family safe, warm, and fed, but my peace was someone else's panic.



The Next Step is to:

- Write a Plan
- Have Checklist
 - Practice
 - Practice





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Ordinary people are asked to do extra ordinary service.

Re-evaluate your commitment to going to the Temple – **What activities are more important?**

We are closer to the return of the Savior but not as close as we want Him to be.



Spiritual Strength

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Six Things to protect and strengthen our spirits in these increasingly evil times:

1. Earnest Prayer
2. Diligent Scripture Study
3. Honest Partaking of the Sacrament
4. Pay an honest and full tithe
5. Keep the law of Chastity
6. Attend the Temple as often as you can to gain further knowledge and understanding about the covenants made therein

THE CHOICE IS YOURS!



“Dear Lord, what will thy have me do?”

