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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **FIRE** | | |  | Install and test smoke detectors & carbon monoxide detectors as recommended. | |  | Change smoke alarm batteries every year unless they have a long-life battery. Replace smoke alarms every ten years. | |  | Prepare a fire escape plan and practice drills with the entire family. | |  | Keep furniture, curtains, dish towels, and flammable materials at least three feet from any heat source. | |  | Use a fireproof and waterproof safe for your valuables. | |  | Place fire extinguishers in the home; inspect and learn how to use them as recommended. | |  | Assemble a disaster kit, store it in a safe place and refill it every 6 months if needed. | |  | Place an escape ladder near any window or balcony above ground level. | |  | Place fire starter items in a safe place and away from open flames such as lighters, stovetops, and candles. | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **ELECTRIC** | | |  | Clean all electrical appliances according to manufacturer recommendations. | |  | Sign up for alerts from local weather stations in the event of a weather emergency. | |  | Place flashlights and backup batteries in nightstands and other areas of the home. | |
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|  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **GAS** | | |  | Do NOT turn anything on or off that has a power source. | |  | Leave the home immediately. | |  | Call 911 once you are outside, not from the home telephone. | |
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|  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **PLUMBING** | | |  | Set the water temperature to 120 degrees Fahrenheit or lower for burn prevention. | |  | Have a professional check your water pressure and look for signs of leaks or poorly conditioned pipes. | |  | Don’t pour grease down the drain. Allow it to cool in a heat-tolerant container, then throw it in the trash. | |