How Ready Are We?

Natural Disaster or Emergency Preparedness

To better understand the needs of first responders and other emergency workers, the 2017 American Housing Survey asks U.S. residents how prepared they are for disasters.

- **Emergency Water Supply**: At least three gallons or 24 bottles of water for each person in the household. 58.6% Yes, 41.4% No
- **Nonperishable Emergency Food**: Household has enough nonperishable food to sustain everyone in the household for three days. 81.3%
- **Prepared Emergency Evacuation Kit**: 52.9%
- **Emergency Meeting Location**: 36.5%
- **Communication Plan**: The communication plan must include a contingency for the disruption of cell phone service. 26.4%
- **Evacuation Vehicle(s)**: Vehicle(s) must be reliable and able to carry all household members, pets, and supplies up to 50 miles away. 91.0%
- **Evacuation Funds**: If you had to evacuate your home for a safe place at least 50 miles away, do you have financial resources to meet expenses of up to $2,000? 75.6%
- **Generator Present**: Asked of 1-unit buildings and multiunit buildings with 2 to 4 units. 18.7%
- **Access to Financial Information**: 80.8%

*Not reported: Households did not provide a response to this question.*