

9. TUNE IN

Getting a radio for local emergency news

WHY ACT?

When a minor energy disruption occurs, the information sources you normally depend on probably won't be affected, however, that might not be the case if there is a prolonged electrical disruption. A radio is the best source of emergency news. In the event of a major emergency, the Emergency Alert System (EAS) will be activated and immediately available on all radio and television stations.

PREPAREDNESS ACTION

Option 1: A battery-powered AM/FM radio.

Step 1: If you do not have a battery-powered radio, purchase one.

Step 2: Purchase replacement batteries to handle the emergency broadcast time you choose to plan for.

Option 2: A hand-cranked AM/FM radio capable of generating its own electricity.

Step 1: Research the retail and online stores that sell hand-cranked radios.

Step 2: Purchase the radio.

Option 3: Share the airwaves.

Step 1: Discuss with your neighbors sharing the expense of a radio and backup batteries and plan to get together regularly to listen to the news for emergency updates.

MATERIALS

Battery-powered or hand-cranked AM/FM radio.

TIME

An hour for research and shopping. Less if combined with other shopping.

RESILIENCY GAIN

The ability to stay abreast of developments in just about any circumstance.