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Check your stocks as you reset your clocks, March 9

LAS VEGAS - Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday, March 9. It's the perfect opportunity for Southern Nevadans to check their family emergency stockpiles, change batteries in radios and flashlights, replace or rotate food items in the kit, update any family information including medications, or determine what items might be missing. Still don't have your family's kit put together? The Southern Nevada Health District has information about emergency preparedness as well as a calendar to help develop a family kit on its website, www.SNHD.info.

An emergency preparedness kit is a first step to ensure families and businesses can sustain themselves in the event of an illness outbreak or a natural disaster. Family emergency supplies can be contained in a new large trashcan, a backpack or a suitcase and can be assembled over several months by adding just one or two items to a grocery list. A kit should include food, water, a first aid kit, tools, copies of important documents, clothing and bedding, medications, and pet supplies. A household preparedness kit should include enough supplies to sustain everyone in the household for up to three weeks.

The health district's recommendations for a family emergency preparedness kit include:

- Prescription and over-the-counter medications
- Toiletries, including soap
- First-aid kit
- Baby formula and diapers
- Extra eyeglasses
- Pet food/medications/leashes/collars/ID tags
- Extra batteries for flashlight(s) and radio(s)
- Garbage bags
- Cash
- Non-perishable food, ready-to-eat canned meats, soups, fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, protein bars, utensils, can openers, sterno heating
- One gallon of water per person per day and fluids with electrolytes that will last for up to two weeks

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