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Be Ready in 2011: Set Your Clocks, Check Your Stocks

Daylight Saving Time ends on November 6 and the Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management reminds Philadelphians to refresh their emergency supplies when changing their clocks this weekend.

“Make sure you have emergency kits for your home and vehicles with all of the necessary supplies,” said Deputy Managing Director for Emergency Management Liam O’Keefe. “If you haven’t put together a family preparedness kit or a Go Bag of emergency supplies for use in an emergency or evacuation of your home, this weekend is a good time to get your kits ready for the upcoming winter season.”

Be sure that you have at least a three-day supply of bottled water, essential medications for each family member, and non-perishable foods such as canned fruits, canned tuna, and granola or energy bars. O’Keefe recommends checking the dates on the non-perishable food, water and batteries for radios and flashlights to make sure they haven’t reached their expiration. “Pets are part of the family, too. Include a three-day emergency supply for them, as well,” O’Keefe said.

While you’re checking your emergency supplies, remember to check the batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. It’s also a good idea to sign up now for ReadyNotifyPA, the region’s emergency text and email alert system, by logging on to www.phila.gov/ready and clicking on the ReadyNotifyPA button.

For more information on emergency preparedness, ReadyNotifyPA, or for a detailed list of emergency supplies for family and pet preparedness kits and Go Bags, visit www.phila.gov/ready or call 3-1-1.

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