

Potential Disaster

1. Thunder storm with electrical outage for 2 (average) to 48 hours (severe) and high winds.

2. Nearby flash flooding (including pooling of Tucker Creek drainage at the Arkansas River)

3. Flooding from the Arkansas River (levee breach, levee overtopped)

4. F3 or F4 Tornado crosses Faulkner County

5. Nearby train derailment

6. Nuclear plant problems (Reactor vessel damage could result in release of radioactive chemicals to atmosphere)

7. Pandemic Flu or Biological Incident

8. Severe winter weather - Electrical outage for 4 (average) to 72 hours (severe) would affect furnace operation

Ramifications

1. * Food spoilage possible
 - * Lack of air conditioning/furnace
 - * Damage to house or car from nearby trees
 - * Possible local flooding (see below)
 - * Local transportation routes impaired by fallen trees, wires
 - * Lightning damage/fire potential
 - * ATM inoperable

2. * Local transportation disrupted
 - * Danger while traveling in car or by foot
 - * Possible loss of some utilities

3. *Widespread flooding in Conway
 - *Electrical outage - see #1
 - *Water shortage for 1 or 2 weeks
 - * Sewer contamination
 - * No fuel for boat motors (sealed underground)

4. *Total destruction of homestead and vehicles
 - *Electrical outage - see #1
 - *Local transportation impaired
 - *Local water shortage for 48 hours

5. * Possible leak or spill of chemicals
 - * Short-term exposure problem
 - * Long-term cancer concerns
 - * Evacuation may be necessary
 - * Traffic problems - can you move?

6. * Evacuation may be necessary
 - * Radiation illness and long term effects

7. *Isolation
 - *Loss of services and support over time
 - *See #10

- 8.* Exposure problems
 - * Frozen pipes
 - * Disruption of travel, transportation
 - * Self or family members possibly stranded away from home
 - * Possible food shortages and empty shelves at local markets
 - * Injury from using alternative heat/cooking source

9. Major Earthquake in Faulkner County (6+ or the New Madrid Earthquake Zone 7+)

9. *Disruption and/or destruction of grid (telephone, electricity, cable)
*Disruption and/or destruction of utilities (gas, water, sewer)
*Disruption and/or destruction of road and bridge network – no fuel or food available once depleted
* Multiple fires with no response
* Severe injuries with aid to those more severely injured
*Time of year critical - hot = spoilage; cold = exposure (See #8)
* No outside aid for 10+ days – take care of yourself

10. Impact of Terrorism, or other civil disorder

10. *Disruption of commute & job (ala Los Angeles)
* Stranded in car or office while family is at home and/or school
* Danger of riot spreading to my neighborhood
* Danger of local kids/low lives taking advantage of situation
* Attack or threat to personal safety
* Looting and rampaging by otherwise lawful citizens
* Fire with potentially no response by authorities
* Police are overwhelmed, cannot protect law-abiding citizens
* Threat to safety at work and during business travel
* Disruption of commerce, travel

Seven Steps to Being Prepared

Step 1: Identify the most severe threats likely to affect you, so that you can prepare for them first. Think of it as knowing your enemy.

Step 2: Make evacuation plans and prepare a bugout kit for yourself and each member of your family..

Step 3: Prepare a permanent survival kit for your car. This will serve you well if you need to bug out or if you are caught away from your home.

Step 4: Start building your food and water stash at home. Save money by bulk buying with others..

Step 5: Start acquiring survival tools. These could be anything from a plastic wrench to turn off the gas to a chainsaw. Prepare a list of tools and acquire them over time.

Step 6: Start expanding your knowledge base through reading and taking courses. Build a survival library.

Step 7: When you make large purchases, such as your car and home, consider its application for survival and preparedness reasons. This means avoid hurricane prone areas and stay well away from the fault line.