### Tools and Supplies for Emergencies

In addition to food, water and first aid, being prepared also means being equipped with the proper supplies. Here are some tools and supplies that can help you deal with an emergency:

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<th>Ax, shovel, broom</th>
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<td>For cutting firewood, digging and cleaning up.</td>
<td>For staying warm. May also be used as a makeshift shelter.</td>
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<th>Portable solar generator, DC to AC adapter, cigarette lighter adapter</th>
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<td>Charge everything from cell phones, emergency lights, and radios.</td>
<td>During clean up, there will be lots of debris to dig through.</td>
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Other important tools include:

- Mini torch
- Chainsaw and fuel
- Screwdriver, pliers, hammer, adjustable wrench
- Rope for towing or rescue
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape
- Emergency gas and water shut-off tool
- Fire extinguisher -- multipurpose, dry chemical type
- Flashlight
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Dust/Filter masks
- Leatherman type pliers
- Garbage bags

Keep your supplies in an easy-to-carry kit that you can use at home or take with you if you must evacuate. Remember, you need to be able to access supplies and tools so store them in an easy to find location that minimizes the risk of being buried under falling objects.

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How is your emergency kit coming along? We want to see it. Send pictures of your progress to communications@tvwd.org. We will feature customer photos in future newsletters.