El Niño Household Preparedness Checklist

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General planning; follow official local warnings.

Complete when available and usable, not merely intended.

- [ ] Identify the official local weather source, emergency authority and utility contacts.
- [ ] Enable available emergency alerts and confirm an accessible backup information channel.
- [ ] Store at least the three-day water baseline, adapted for people, pets and conditions.
- [ ] Check drinking-water container suitability, storage dates, access and handling.
- [ ] Keep familiar shelf-stable food for the household's planned reserve and dietary needs.
- [ ] Test a manual can opener with the cans and hands that will use it.
- [ ] Test a flashlight or headlamp and store compatible batteries or charging equipment.
- [ ] Charge the phone power bank and keep a working compatible cable beside it.
- [ ] Check radio reception, controls, power options and relevant local broadcast coverage.
- [ ] Review medicines, care equipment and refrigerated-drug contingencies with a professional.
- [ ] Check first-aid contents, expiry dates, instructions and individual medical arrangements.
- [ ] Add soap, personal-care items and appropriate household waste supplies.
- [ ] Keep written contacts and essential documents securely accessible in a protective pouch.
- [ ] Agree on meeting places, transport, helpers and an alternative if a helper is unavailable.
- [ ] Review children, pets, service animals, communication and mobility requirements.
- [ ] Report known drainage or building issues to the responsible maintenance contact.
- [ ] Identify an alternate route and where to verify closures before travel.
- [ ] Plan a safe cooling or heating destination and transport if the home is unsuitable.
- [ ] Review refrigerator and freezer safety instructions and locate an appliance thermometer.
- [ ] Check smoke and carbon-monoxide alarms and safe-use instructions for any backup equipment.
- [ ] Record local water restrictions and practical leak-repair or conservation actions.
- [ ] Set a review date and replace expired, missing or nonfunctional items.

For each item: quantity / location / responsible person / review date.

Local weather source: _____

Utility contact: _____

Emergency contact: _____

Meeting place: _____

Transport/helper: _____

Review date: _____

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Task / person responsible: _____

Review date: _____ Completed date: _____