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## Region 6 Homeland Security Board and Safeguard Iowa Partnership Announce Week 20 of “20 Weeks to Preparedness Program”

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Welcome to Week 20, the final week of the *20 Weeks to Preparedness Program* brought to you by the Region 6 Homeland Security Board and Safeguard Iowa Partnership. We hope this program has helped to better prepare you and your family, a little at a time, over the 20 week period. Each week new preparedness information was shared in this publication including a list of items to gather or purchase for your disaster supply kit. If you missed a week or would like to see a compiled list of items, visit <http://www.safeguardiowa.org/20-weeks-to-preparedness>. You will also be able to find each week’s reminders and announcements at this site.

We hope you used this program to gather items for your kit in small steps over the five month period. Remember to change and replace perishable items by the expiration date. Purchasing the food suggested by this program would last approximately 3-5 days. Make sure to keep your emergency supply kit in an assessable location. Also, ensure that all family members know its location and what’s all included in the event of a disaster in your community. Each emergency kit should be specific to each family, consider adding additional supplies that will help your family in a disastrous situation.

Place in storage bin:

- ✓ Sewing kit
- ✓ Signal flare and compass
- ✓ Liquid detergent and hand soap
- ✓ Cereal (one box for every four people)

Additional assistance is available by contacting your local Emergency Management Coordinator at ----- or visiting their website at ----- . Visit Safeguard Iowa Partnership at [www.safeguardiowa.org](http://www.safeguardiowa.org), on twitter @safeguardiowa or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/safeguardiowa](http://www.facebook.com/safeguardiowa).

The Region 6 Homeland Security Board is comprised of fourteen counties in eastern Iowa that coordinate homeland security planning, training, exercise, response, and recovery. The counties included are Benton, Black Hawk, Buchanan, Cedar, Clayton, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, Iowa, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Linn, and Scott.

The Safeguard Iowa Partnership is a voluntary coalition of the state's business and government leaders, who share a commitment to working together to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters in Iowa.

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