

# ERC-East / The EmComm Amateur Station

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- In addition to the normal items in a 72 hour kit and a years supply of food, clothing, water and fuel, ideally you'll have a some kind of designated space, whether it's a corner of a room, closet, attic space, basement or garage for your emergency communications gear to include:
- A well lighted desk or table and a comfortable chair.
- Accurate battery clock (Two are better. One set for local time and one for UTC.)
- Wall calendar. (Reminder that UTC/GMT/ZULU date is *tomorrow* after 0000 UTC *until midnight* local time.)
- LED Flashlights or other LED emergency light source with extra batteries.
- Logbook(s), note books, 3x5" index cards and file, QSL cards, etc.
- ARRL Repeater Directory, operating guides, local and regional plans, antenna books and a recent copy of FCC "Part 97".
- Telephone list and appropriate telephone books.
- Maps - local, state and regional - road, political and topographic, Forest Service, BLM, aeronautical and nautical, Amateur radio call area and zones. It is almost impossible to have too many maps!!
- Extra pens and pencils (+ sharpener), erasers.
- Weather station or outdoor thermometer (properly shaded).
- All serious EmComm operators keep a ReadyBook / RedBook available - a 3-ring binder with al the important emergency numbers, names and addresses is essential.  
Lists of contact persons in fire, OES, SAR, Red Cross, US Coast Guard and NWS - also a section with the VHF and HF net frequencies and schedules, severe weather reporting criteria, media contacts, plus addresses and phone numbers and reference items.
- All serious traffic handlers keep a good supply of message blanks or paper, headphones (a must), and some even keep a non-electric typewriter "at the ready" - other use a laptop with extra batteries or emergency power source.
- Lots of extra emergency power for all kinds of radios, scanners, receivers, and lighting.