FREE PRINTABLE RESOURCE

YEAR OF PREPAREDNESS PLANNER

Monthly themes from Ready.gov's 2026 Preparedness Calendar. Cross out what doesn't apply where you live and write in your own job.

FIRST HALF

- ☐ **January — #WinterReady**
  My job: _____
- ☐ **February — #WinterReady · Canned Food Month**
  My job: _____
- ☐ **March — Spring and Flood Safety**
  My job: _____
- ☐ **April — Severe Weather Safety**
  My job: _____
- ☐ **May — Wildfire Awareness · Hurricane Prep Week**
  My job: _____
- ☐ **June — Lightning Safety Week · #SummerReady**
  My job: _____

SECOND HALF

- ☐ **July — Fireworks Safety · #SummerReady**
  My job: _____
- ☐ **August — Back to School · #SummerReady**
  My job: _____
- ☐ **September — National Preparedness Month**
  My job: _____
- ☐ **October — Fire Prevention Week · ShakeOut**
  My job: _____
- ☐ **November — #WinterReady · Winter Weather**
  My job: _____
- ☐ **December — Holiday Fire Safety · Winter Weather**
  My job: _____

RECURRING CHECKS

- ☐ **Smoke alarms tested**
  Monthly, every alarm (USFA)
- ☐ **9-volt alarm batteries replaced**
  At least once a year; whole alarm every 10 years
- ☐ **Expired kit items replaced**
  Food, water, meds, batteries
- ☐ **Whole kit re-thought**
  Once a year, as your household changes
- ☐ **Car checked before winter**
  Battery, brakes, heater, defroster, tires

BOX-DAY ROUTINE

- ☐ **Test the smoke alarm**
  Before you open the box
- ☐ **Decide what stays before using anything**
  The 30-day return needs items unused, with tags
- ☐ **Give every keeper a kit**
  Home, car, work or everyday carry
- ☐ **Do this month's calendar job**
- ☐ **Skip or pause if the plan says so**
  From your account, anytime

Want the reasoning and the sources behind each line? Read the full guide on the TacticalBox blog.
tacticalbox.com/blogs/tacticalbox-blog

Sources: Ready.gov Preparedness Calendar, Build a Kit, Low and No Cost Preparedness and Car Safety pages; U.S. Fire Administration smoke alarm guidance. Follow your alarm manufacturer's instructions. Call 911 in an emergency.