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CITY ASKS RESIDENTS TO CHECK EMERGENCY KITS FOR PEANUT BUTTER

The United States is in the midst of one of the largest food recalls in American history. As Americans dig through their cabinets and refrigerators to remove potentially contaminated food associated with the recent peanut recall, we would like to also remind citizens to open and check their Emergency Preparedness Kits to remove any potentially harmful items from these also.

Because peanut products are often recommended as staples in Emergency Preparedness Kits due to their long shelf life and because they are a good source of protein, we encourage all kit owners to look at their kits to ensure food products are not on the peanut recall list. Please keep in mind that the peanut product recall extends beyond peanut-flavored products. The following are some examples of foods also included in the recall that may contain peanuts:

Granola	Dog treats	Snack bars	Cereal
Crackers	Noodles	Trail Mix	Cookies

A full list of recalled peanut products and what individuals should do with recalled items can be found on the Food and Drug Administration's Web site, <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/peanutbutterrecall/index.cfm>.

Ensuring family and neighbors are prepared is an essential step in helping communities during and after an emergency. Families should have an Emergency Preparedness Kit in all locations that are frequented often, including homes, offices, schools, cars and day care facilities. These kits should hold a variety of essential items that are needed during a disaster, such as a flashlight, radio, cash, clothing, protective equipment, medicines, and of course food and water. For a complete list of Emergency Preparedness Kit recommended items, please visit <http://www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/supplykit.shtm>.

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