

Emergency Response “Tool Kit” For Flooding Situations

First of all, try to determine whether or not you will be returning to your home Utility after each work shift. If you are not sure how long (as in days) it will be before you will be able to return home, you probably should consider bringing with you the same type of gear as you would if you were going on an extended backwoods camping trip.

Besides your normally well-stocked work truck, you might also consider bringing with additional items such as these:

1. Fireman’s Boots.
2. Vehicle chargers for anything that uses rechargeable batteries (cell phones, locators, flashlights, etc.)
3. Extra flashlights with extra batteries.
4. Locating tools, with extra batteries.
5. Gas powered cut-off saw (plus extra fuel).
6. Garden hose (at least 200 feet).
7. Insect repellent.
8. An assortment of curb box keys (try to determine beforehand if the Utility you’re responding to has curb boxes in their system that are of a different style than what you have).
9. Extra hand cleaner and paper towels.
10. Notebook and pens.
11. Tire plugging kit.

Keep in mind that you will probably be working in conjunction with people from other utilities. If you need something that you don’t have, some other responding person might have in their possession. Don’t be afraid to ask. If nobody has it, try to improvise. Remember, “Desperate times call for desperate measures.”