

# ***30 Days 30 Ways***

## **Family Emergency Preparedness**

### **Batteries**

Batteries are of course an important part of any well stocked 72 hour kit. Here are some important battery facts:

#### **Will my batteries last longer if stored in the refrigerator?**

The short answer is No! Several studies have shown there is no difference between batteries stored at room temperature and those that were refrigerated.

#### **Does it matter what kind of batteries I purchase? Yes!**

- Carbon zinc 3 to 5 years
- Alkaline 5 to 10 years
- The winner is lithium - 10 to 15 years

#### **Tip**

Store the batteries with the device and not in the device. Batteries may leak and ruin the device.

