

# ***30 Days 30 Ways***

## **Family Emergency Preparedness**

### **Emergency Radio**

After a disaster we may not be able to get information in our usual ways. We may not have access to TV, our cell phones and Heaven forbid the internet. A good ol' fashion radio may be the best tool to connect us to vital information. During the relief effort for Hurricane Katrina, AM radio was used as the primary means of communicating with people still in the city.

There are several different models available on the market, ranging in price from \$30 to \$100 +... I think the less expensive models do just fine.



What to look for in a radio:

- Multiple power source – hand crank, battery, solar
- AM, FM and weather band (nice but not absolutely necessary)
- Cell phone charging port

\* Do not store your radio with the batteries in it.