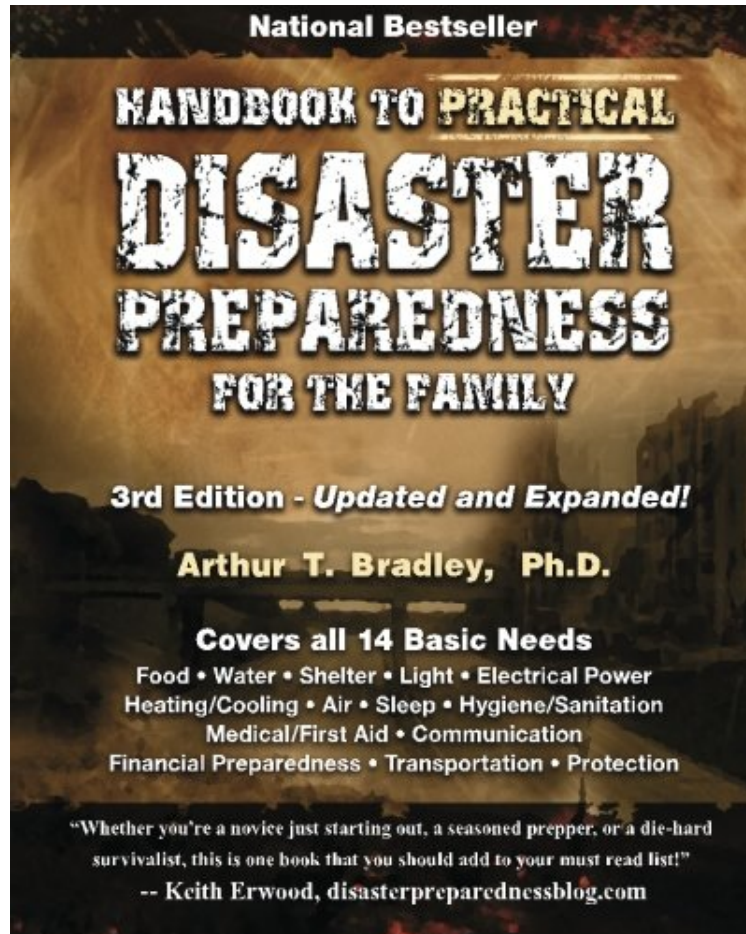


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Dr. Arthur T Bradley : Handbook to Practical Disaster Preparedness for the Family, 3rd Edition before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Handbook to Practical Disaster Preparedness for the Family, 3rd Edition:

71 of 72 people found the following review helpful. Practical Information and Advice for the Most Likely DisastersBy J. RobideauI love how the author uses this book to focus on the most likely disasters. You won't find sensational advice about surviving the zombie apocalypse, but rather you will find practical advice for surviving and thriving through the disasters that we are most likely to encounter. The author takes some time at the beginning of the book to lay out the reasoning behind and basis for his calling certain types of disasters more or less likely.The book is laid out and organized by types of preparations, much like many other books of this type, but in each category the advice proffered is focused on addressing the most imminent and likely needs. - Staying Alive - Food - Water - Shelter -

Light - Electrical Power - Heating / Cooling - Air - Sleep - Medical / First Aid - Communication - Financial Preparedness - Transportation - Protection - Special Needs - Creating a DP Network - Five Horsemen of Death - Electromagnetic Pulse and Solar Storms - Trial by Fire

The last three chapters are dedicated specifically to different types of disasters (natural and otherwise) and specific actions that you can take in the midst of those disasters. This book is a "must read" even just for these last three chapters. It was obvious that quite a bit of research went into this book and this 3rd edition is quite polished and extensive. This book was well formatted for the kindle with the ability to quickly skip from chapter to chapter and access the linked Table Of Contents. Also, the beginning of each chapter had a linked "Table of Contents" of it's own to quickly take you to the different sections of the chapter. I only wish that the primary TOC had more detail than just the chapters. This book is highly recommended for: - Preppers who want advice for preparing for the most likely disasters - Preppers who want more information about dealing with natural disasters

If you enjoy reading about survival and prepping, I also recommend *Ultralight Survival: Make a Small and Light Bug Out Bag That Could Save Your Life* for specific advice on creating the lightest and most efficient bug-out-bag possible.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good book. By Mary Thelen
Good information, but hard to focus on it in the way it was laid out. It's all cut and dry, but there is information here that I have never stumbled across on the internet.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Textbook for Disaster Prep 101
By H. Jasper
This book is like the text book to a college course, Disaster Prep 101, and Dr. Bradley is the prof. It's an easy to read, well-rounded, well-organized resource for natural disaster survival in the home. I really think "textbook" is the best term here because Dr. Bradley doesn't take any knowledge for granted in this book; he describes the simplest things from food expiration dates to different types of generators. It is also very well researched and cited. I liked the organization of the book--a nice combination of exposition, summary, and listing while maintaining a neutral voice. There's a chapter for every "threat," including air quality, fire, and home invasion, starting with a "challenge" scenario: a little introductory paragraph like "imagine a chemical has been released into the air... what would you do?" Tiny detail but it really helped me orient to each chapter (when I was thinking "why would I care about being able to breathe the air?" before reading that and then suddenly wanting to know more). Some of the best info I gleaned from this book included extensive discussion on generators (a subject I previously didn't even want to get into but emerged feeling much more prepared) and the differences between water filtration and purification (there's a difference!). The author also warns what this book is not, which is wilderness, long term, or homesteading survival. He wants to prepare you for a natural disaster from which you will likely recover. Living in the Midwest, I've been snowed in without power for days, flooded for months (Iowa '08), and lived through straight line wind damage (damage that looks like a tornado hit). I think Dr. Bradley's advice will make the next natural disaster, however long, more bearable.

How do you prepare for a North Korean attack? What about an Ebola outbreak, a hurricane, flood, tornado, or house fire? It all starts with developing a practical disaster preparedness plan for your family. The Handbook to Practical Disaster Preparedness is the only book that provides step-by-step instructions for developing that plan. It emphasizes practical preparations and avoids the scare tactics of many other books. The 440-page handbook is a complete guide to creating a practical disaster preparedness plan. The 3rd Edition has been expanded to cover every important topic, including food storage, water purification, home improvements, electricity generation, backup heating, personal protection, financial preparations, communication systems, disaster preparedness networks, evacuations, life-saving first aid, and much more. An entire chapter is also provided for people with special needs, including the elderly, those with young children, people with disabilities, and pet owners. Inside the handbook are hundreds of photographs, tables, and useful tips. The new larger 8" x 10" format also includes easy-to-copy worksheets to help organize your family's preparedness plans. Working through the steps identified in this book will prepare your family for nearly any disaster, whether it be natural disasters making the news daily (e.g., earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, and tsunamis), or high-impact global events, such as electromagnetic pulse attacks, radiological emergencies, solar storms, nuclear war, or our country's impending financial collapse. Discover why this handbook is being praised by emergency management experts, preppers, church groups, survivalists, bloggers, soccer moms, and people from every walk of life. Now is the time to take responsibility for your family's safety by putting into place important emergency preparations. For more information on Dr. Bradley's books and to sign up for his free Practical Prepper Newsletter, see disasterpreparer.com. Also, if interested in an exciting post-apocalyptic series that follows a US Marshal after a global pandemic, check out *The Survivalist* (Frontier Justice).

"A great introduction to disaster preparedness in a single volume, both scholarly and easy to read! Provides practical information for families seeking to organize their preparedness efforts." --James Talmage Stevens, *Making the Best of Basics*

"An easy to read handbook packed full of very helpful information to cover any emergency one might encounter." --Marg Pollon, Founding Director of Bridges of Love Ministry Society

"Whether you're a novice just starting out, a seasoned "prepper" or a die-hard survivalist, this is one book that you should add to your must read list." --Keith Erwood, disasterpreparednessblog.com

"This book offers a comprehensive run-down of household preparedness activities that is easy to follow and implement." --Jeff Bowers, *Confluence Disaster Preparedness*

Consulting "What I appreciated most from this book is Bradley's focus on being prepared so that we can help those around us, and the unthreatening, conversational style in which he presents the information." --Cindy Baum, Books and Chocolate

From the Author Right out of the gate let me tell you what the book is NOT. It is not a book about fighting off hordes of flesh-eating zombies, should they ever rise from the grave. Nor will it describe how to survive a shipwreck by feasting on coconuts and roasted iguana. Finally, it is not intended to help you survive our planet being sucked into the cosmic fireball affectionately known as our Sun. If you wish to prepare for those types of events, I respectfully suggest that you continue your search for a more suitable text. This book is designed to help your family prepare for more commonplace, yet still potentially deadly disasters. The list is long and varied, and includes hurricanes, tornados, terrorist attacks, earthquakes, pandemics, financial collapse, widespread blackouts, and much more. My hope is that this handbook will accomplish three things: (1) motivate you to become better prepared, (2) illustrate how to prepare effectively, and (3) help you to realize your place in a larger movement. The handbook is clear and easy to read with more than a hundred photos, illustrations, and worksheets. What makes this book different is that it focuses on practical steps that you and your family can take to become better prepared. At the beginning of each chapter, is an example scenario designed to help you consider your current level of readiness. At the end, are brief lists of recommended supplies. This handbook will help you to lay out a plan that includes assessing your family's needs, stocking supplies, shoring up your shelter, leveraging existing resources, mitigating potential hazards, and preparing for likely threats. At the end of your efforts, you will be rewarded with knowing that your family is far better prepared to handle real world challenges.

--From the Author About the Author Dr. Arthur Bradley holds a doctorate in engineering from Auburn University and currently works for NASA. Having lived all across the United States, he writes from personal experience about preparing for a wide variety of disasters, including earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, house fires, massive snowstorms, electromagnetic pulse attacks, and solar storms. He has been featured in the New York Times, Money magazine, the Toronto Sun, and numerous radio shows. Dr Bradley subscribes to the philosophy that preparedness should always be motivated by love and concern, never by fear and paranoia. His practical approach to family preparedness has received widespread praise from individuals, emergency preparedness groups, and religious organizations. He is the author of several highly acclaimed books on disaster preparedness, including the Handbook to Practical Disaster Preparedness for the Family, Disaster Preparedness for EMP Attacks and Solar Storms, and the Preppers Instruction Manual. He conducts free seminars around the world, teaching individuals and families how to establish effective disaster preparedness plans. His website, <http://disasterpreparer.com>, provides free information regarding practical disaster preparedness as well as discounts on his books.