A simple guide for the nine essential tools to help you weather an emergency.

1. Water
   - Bottled water: One gallon per person per day is recommended for drinking and sanitation.
   - Keep water in a cool, dark place and change it or flush every six months.

2. Food
   - Non-perishable food: A supply of meat, dry goods, and canned goods is essential.
   - Ready-to-eat canned meat, fruit, vegetables, and soup are good choices.
   - Canned or bottled juices, milk, and dry milk are also important.

3. Clothes
   - Collected and stored in case of emergency.
   - Consider wearing layers and staying warm.

4. Medications
   - Collect any prescription medicines you need to take.
   - Be sure to note the expiration date on medicines.

5. Flashlight
   - Keep a battery-operated flashlight and spare batteries on hand.
   - Consider getting a lantern-style light for more light and comfort.

6. Can Opener
   - Make sure it's a manual can opener in case there's no electricity.
   - Consider buying items with a pull-tab opening.

7. Radio
   - A battery-powered radio will help you stay informed.
   - Consider keeping a battery-powered or solar-powered radio.
   - Shortwave radios can also be useful in case they're short supply.

8. Hygiene Items
   - Just the basics for soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, and a deodorant.
   - Consider using a shoe polish or a candle to help with sanitation.

9. First Aid
   - Basic kit such as antiseptic, bandages, and non-prescription medications.
   - You can use a pre-made kit of first aid supplies or grocery items.

Note: It's important to be prepared for any emergency situation.