

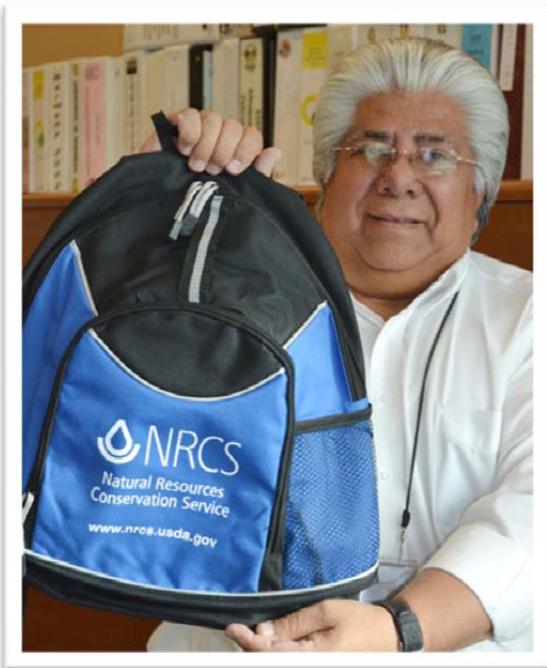
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## EMERGENCY BACK PACK TO BE ISSUED TO ALL UTAH NRCS EMPLOYEES

Under the statewide NRCS Continuity of Operations (COOP) plan, all NRCS employees in Utah will be issued an NRCS-identified back pack in which to gather 48-hour emergency items that will make it possible to respond to a continuity event with a greater level of confidence. The emergency scenario is that you will be traveling on foot from work to home.



State Conservationist Dave Brown has authorized the purchase of the back packs and, under current budget restraints, is asking that employees voluntarily purchase their own safety equipment and supplies to be placed in the pack. To help ease the burden, Richard Vigil, State Safety and Health Officer, will be emailing employees a suggested purchase for each month over the next year. Employees should take personal responsibility for their own emergency pack and may complete the task on their own schedule. The packs should be kept at your duty station or work location. The emergency items (especially water) should last at least 3 days.

The accompanying photo shows Richard Vigil with the NRCS back pack. They will be made available soon through your supervisor. For more information, contact [Richard Vigil](mailto:Richard.Vigil@ut.usda.gov) in the State Office, 801-524-4563.

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