



Disaster Preparedness Newsletter

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Announcement

September is National Preparedness Month.

September is the perfect time of the year to make things ready for you and your loved ones. Learning about financial stability in a time of disaster, or how to care for loved ones that cannot care for themselves (including our pets).

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MAKE AND PRACTICE YOUR PLAN

When disaster strikes you may have to survive on your own for a few days. Here are some things to consider on why you need to be prepared in the event of a disaster.

1. You may be on your own for a while.
2. Your local government may be overwhelmed and unable to reach every one.
3. Basic services may be down
4. You may have to evacuate quickly and thus be unable to take all that is needed for evacuation.
5. Your preparation can help you overcome stress and fear about a disaster.
6. You may have the opportunity to save a life.

“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”

- Benjamin Franklin

Preparing yourself can be as easy 1-2-3

Make a kit or a to-go bag to take when a disaster strikes.

Things forgotten in a to-go bag:

Medications, eye glasses, formula and diapers, pet food, and important documents.

It's one thing to be unable to get your belongings and documents, but it's another not to have extra and make copies so that you can get them from another place. Consider keeping copies in a trusted place or with a trusted family member.

Make your plan

Families are not always together when disaster strikes. Know how to get a hold of them, where to meet, and what to do when you are not with them during a disaster.

Who is your out of town contact, and are they willing to notify other family members when you communicate with them? Make sure everyone knows the number and has money or ways to make contact.

BE INFORMED



Know your types of emergencies

Different emergencies have different responses. Learning how to respond to emergencies can be critical in what you do and how to respond and recover from disasters. It also helps to learn terms that indicate the severity of the emergency or disaster. Weather terms such as watch, warning and advisory have different meanings.

Watch	A chance this condition will happen
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Advisory	Less serious weather conditions occurring, may cause inconvenience.
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Warning	Weather is already occurring or is likely to occur and to take protective measures.
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Declared Disaster	Disaster has occurred and damage is significant in losses
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Enjoy the outdoors

Disasters happen in a variety of places and happen at different times of the day.

You could be in a variety of locations when a disaster strikes, from the outdoors to the parking lot. If you are outdoors know the risks and hazards that pertain to your surroundings.

Bring adequate water, snacks, and medical material when you are taking advantage of nature and what it has to offer.

During the month of September a free guide to personal and family preparedness will be available at City Hall. We hope you'll take advantage of this resource and develop a plan for your home and family.

