



READY TO RESPOND NEWSLETTER



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Month

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National Preparedness Month

Disasters don't plan ahead, but you can. The entire month of September observes National Preparedness Month.

No matter where you live, you are subject to disasters. Natural disaster and man-made disasters affect everyone and will cause severe damage and endanger lives. Hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, landslides, wildfires, hot spells or cold spells are all natural disasters that can be deadly to people and property. Man-made disasters such as terrorism, crime, power outages, famines, or war are just as terrifying as any natural disasters. Preparation is essential for the safety of you and your family. It can also ensure valuable personal possessions are taken care of properly before you lose them.

<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-preparedness-month/>



Additional Information on Preparedness

- FEMA.gov
- Ready.gov
- Redcross.org
- Illionis.gov/iema
- cdc.gov/preparedness

**DON'T WAIT. COMMUNICATE.
MAKE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN TODAY.**



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH!



AMERICA'S
PrepareAthon!



September is... National Preparedness Month
www.NationalDayCalendar.com





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2019 National Preparedness Month Weekly Themes

- Week 1: Sept. 1-7 Save Early for Disaster Costs
- Week 2: Sept. 8-14 Make a Plan to Prepare for Disasters
- Week 3: Sept. 15-21 Teach Youth to Prepare for Disasters
- Week 4: Sept. 22-30 Get Involved in Your Community's Preparedness

Storm Safety Kit



Drinking water & food
Blankets, pillows, & clothing
Basic first-aid supplies



Prescriptions



Basic toiletries



Battery-operated radio
Battery-operated clock



Extra supply of batteries
Phone



Cash and credit cards
Emergency numbers



Important documents (in a
waterproof container)



Toys, books, & games



Baby supplies
Pet supplies

The National Safety Council recommends the following general precautions that apply to many disaster situations:

- Make sure to have a family communication plan in place; all members of the family should review and practice the plan
- Have all family members' and other important phone numbers written down or memorized
- Have an emergency kit in your car and at least three days of food and water at home
- Be sure to store all important documents – birth certificates, insurance policies, etc. – in a fire-proof safe or safety deposit box
- Assign one family member the responsibility of learning first aid and CPR
- Know how to shut off utilities

PREPARE NOW. LEARN HOW.

GATHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION AHEAD OF TIME



copies of
medical insurance
cards



contact info for
health providers,
caregivers,
and family



list of medical
devices and
medications

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Here are 10 simple things you can do right now to become more prepared and resilient:

1. Sign up for local alerts and warnings, download apps, and/or check access for wireless emergency alerts
2. Create and test emergency communications plans:
3. Assemble or update emergency supplies
4. Conduct a drill to practice emergency response actions for local hazards
5. Participate in a preparedness training or class
6. Collect and safeguard critical documents
7. Document property and obtain appropriate insurance for relevant hazards
8. Make property improvements to resource potential injury and property damage
9. Conduct an exercise or test your emergency plan
10. Plan with neighbors to help each other and share resources

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**PREPARE FOR A POWER OUTAGE
IF YOU USE ELECTRIC MEDICAL DEVICES.**



talk to a health care provider about what to do



identify an alternative power source for devices



inform your emergency contacts of the backup plan

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HAVE A PLAN IN CASE OF EMERGENCY



communication



transportation



essential care

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