

Be Ready When Disaster Hits

Here are the proper precautions to take and things to consider in preparation for a natural disaster.



- The first thing you can do is to be aware of which type of disasters actually occur where you live. Find out here: <https://www.ready.gov/be-informed>
- **Prepare a family plan for when disaster hits. Consider:**
 - How you will receive the notification of the disaster. Do you subscribe to emergency alerts & warnings via mobile device, or will you follow local news stations?
 - What will be your plan for shelter?
 - How will you choose to evacuate (if necessary or advised)?
 - How will you maintain communication with your family, loved ones or those you live with?
- **What are your household needs that you must prepare? Consider:**
 - Different ages of members of your household and family
 - Responsibilities you might have for assisting others inside or outside your household
 - Locations you frequent
 - Dietary needs
 - Medical needs, which includes prescribed drugs and equipment
 - Disabilities & any access difficulty
 - Functional needs, including devices & equipment
 - Languages spoken among those in your household
 - Cultural & religions preferences and obligations among those in your household
 - Pets or service animals
 - Household needs for school-aged children
- **Complete an Emergency Plan for your family/house-hold**
 - Use this helpful link to drafting a proper emergency plan: https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1440449346150-1ff18127345615d8b7e1effb4752b668/Family_Comm_Plan_508_20150820.pdf

- **Practice your plan!**
- An important key to proper preparedness is practice. Familiarize your family or household with the drafted Emergency Plan you've drafted.

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