

2016

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NATIONAL SEASONAL PREPAREDNESS MESSAGING CALENDAR

DECEMBER Winter Weather Safety* Holiday Safety* Flu Vaccination Week	JANUARY Winter Weather Safety* Holiday Safety*	FEBRUARY Flood Safety*
MARCH American Red Cross Month Severe Weather Safety* Tornado Safety Tsunami Safety	APRIL Financial Literacy Month National Volunteer Week National PrepareAthon! Day (4/30)*	MAY Older Americans Month Military Appreciation Month National Building Safety Month Nat'l Hurricane Preparedness Week* National Police Week National EMS Week National Small Business Week Wildfire Community Preparedness Day* National Dam Safety Awareness Day
JUNE Pet Preparedness Month* Extreme Heat Safety Lightning Safety	JULY Firework and Outdoor Cooking Safety	AUGUST National Night Out
SEPTEMBER National Preparedness Month & PrepareAthon! Day (9/30)* Youth Preparedness Education*	OCTOBER Cybersecurity Awareness Month National Crime Prevention Month Fire Prevention Week The Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills	NOVEMBER Critical Infrastructure Preparedness Month Military Family Month Native American Heritage Month

*Asterisks denotes topics that will feature a preparedness related digital toolkit

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January 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1 New Year's Day/ Resolve to be Ready	2
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17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19	20	21	22	23
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Winter Storms

- Discuss notifications and expectations with your workplace and/or schools.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors.
- Keep OUTSIDE generator at least 20 feet from any door, window, or vent.
- Make specific plans for how you will avoid driving.
- Be alert to weather conditions using local alerts and news sources.
- Stay indoors.
- If the power goes out, close off unused rooms to consolidate heat.
- Wear layered clothing and use blankets or sleeping bags to stay warm.
- Bring pets inside.
- NEVER use generators, outdoor heating or cooking equipment indoors.
- NEVER heat a home with a stove.
- Keep disaster supplies in your vehicle, make sure your vehicle is properly equipped, and use extra precaution on the roads.
- Limit your time outdoors. If you are outside and wear several layers of warm, loose-fitting, light-weight clothing.



February 2016

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		Groundhog Day				
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Valentine's Day	President's Day					
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Flooding

- Know your area's flood risk and consider flood insurance, visit www.floodsmart.gov or call 1-800-427-2419.
- Make an itemized list of personal property, furnishings, clothing, and valuables.
- Fill out a Household Emergency Plan containing important contacts for you and your family.
- Prepare an Emergency Kit with a portable AM/FM radio that you can grab if you need to evacuate.
- Learn the safest route to higher ground from your home or place of business.
- If you live in a flood-susceptible area, keep materials, such as sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, and lumber, to help protect your home.
- Never walk across flood waters, just six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet.
- Avoid flooded roadways and do not attempt to drive through flood waters, just two feet of moving water can sweep a Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) off the road.



March 2016

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 Palm Sunday	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Easter	28	29	30	31		

Tornadoes

- Determine a place where you will take shelter. The basement or the lowest point of your home provides the best protection.
- If underground shelter is not available, go to an interior room or hallway without any windows.
- Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. Go to the center of the room. Stay away from corners because they attract debris.
- If you cannot find shelter, lie flat in a ditch or other low-lying area. Do not take cover under an overpass or bridge.
- During a tornado watch, stay tuned to local radio and TV stations or a National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio for further weather information.
- Never touch or go near downed power lines, even if you think they are safe.



April 2016

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					April Fool's Day	
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						Passover Begins
						National PrepareAthon! Day/Passover Ends

Emergency Kit

- Copies of important documents, such as insurance cards, photo IDs, and proof of address.
- Extra set of keys.
- Credit and ATM cards.
- Cash, especially in small bills (ones, fives and tens).
- Bottled water and ready-to-eat foods.
- Flashlights, radios and extra batteries.
- Medication or a list of the medications and dosages each member of your household needs. Also keep copies of prescriptions, your doctors' and pharmacist's contact information.
- First-aid kit.
- Sturdy, comfortable shoes, lightweight rain gear, and a Mylar blanket.
- A copy of your Emergency Plan with contacts and meeting place information.
- A small regional map.
- Personal care items: hand sanitizer, feminine products, toothbrush and toothpaste, toilet paper and wipes.



May 2016

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1	2	3	4	5 Cinco De Mayo	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Hurricane Preparedness Week	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30 Memorial Day	31				

Hurricanes

- Develop an Emergency Plan and give copies to everyone in your household.
- Know your evacuation route and where you will go if you need to evacuate. Consider staying with friends or family outside any flood prone areas.
- Put together a disaster supply kit, including a flashlight, batteries, cash, first aid supplies, and copies of your critical information.
- Sign up for local emergency alerts.
- If it's safe to stay home, have flashlights, blankets, water and easy-to-prepare non-perishable food in case you lose water or power.
- Keep all trees and shrubs well-trimmed to reduce wind debris.
- Secure loose rain gutters and downspouts. Clear any clogged areas or debris to prevent water damage.
- Secure and reinforce the roof, windows and doors.
- Keep generators at least 20 feet away from windows and doors and protected from moisture.

Pet Preparedness

A significant number of families have pets and they're part of the family. They need to be ready for a disaster too; take simple steps now so they're prepared.

How to Prepare Before a Disaster

Not all shelters will accept pets, plan in advance for shelter options that will work for both you and your pets.

Develop a buddy system with neighbors or friends to make sure that someone is available to care for your pets if you are unable to do so.

Assemble an emergency kit for your pet.



What Goes in Your Pet Emergency Kit:



Food and water (3 days), bowls, manual can opener



Medicines, medical records, and first aid kit



Collar with ID tag, harness, or leash (include backups)



Crate or pet carrier



A picture of you and your pet together



Important documents: registration & vaccination



Familiar items: favorite toys, treats, and bedding



Plastic bags/litter for cleaning up after your pet

What to Do During a Disaster



Bring your pet inside immediately.



Separate dogs and cats. Anxiety may affect their behavior.



Feed them moist or canned food so they will need less water to drink.



Have extra newspapers, for sanitary reasons.



June 2016						
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12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Pet Preparedness

Include pets in your emergency plan. If you must evacuate, bring your pets, too – it's not safe to leave them behind.

Create a Pet Emergency Kit with the following items:

- At least a three-day supply of food and water.
- Manual can opener for wet food.
- Copies of your animal's health records, registration, license number, microchip number, and vaccinations.
- Medications for your pet. Or, a list of the medications your pet takes regularly, including the type of medication, dosage.
- Contact list of veterinarian and local animal clinics.
- Animal first-aid kit, including flea and tick treatment.
- Extra collar, leash and muzzle.
- Recent photos of your pet for identification.
- Toys and treats.
- Litter, litter box and scoop.
- Plastic bags, paper towels, and cleaning supplies for clean-up.
- Collapsible carrier and cover sheet.



July 2016

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Fireworks Safety

- Sparklers can produce hot sparks and temperatures of 1800F degrees.
- Children using sparklers must be supervised by adults.
- Children should be taught that fireworks are dangerous.
- Never pick up fireworks found on the ground.
- Leave fireworks in the hands of the professionals.

BBQ Safety

- Propane and charcoal grills must only be used outdoors.
- Grills should be 15 feet from structures and 3 feet from combustible materials.
- Inspect the grill before each use. Replace damaged parts.
- Never store spare propane tanks under or near a grill or inside the home.
- Store propane tanks upright.
- Do not transport propane tanks in the trunk of a car.
- Allow lighter fluid to penetrate charcoals for 5-10 minutes before lighting.
- Never add starter fluid, once a fire has been started,
- Keep a small spray can of water handy to douse flames.
- Do not wear loose fitting clothing while cooking.



August 2016

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Heat Safety

- Stay out of the sun and wear sunscreen (at least SPF 15).
- Avoid being in the heat between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- To prevent sunburn, wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothes that cover your skin.
- Use drapes, shades, louvers or awnings in your home. (Outdoor awnings or louvers can reduce the heat in your home by up to 80 percent.)
- Use a hat, visor, or an umbrella for shade.
- Slow down. Rest in the shade or a cool place.
- Drink plenty of water. Avoid alcohol and caffeine.
- Maintain a normal diet.
- Use air conditioners and fans. If you use a fan, make sure your windows are open to release trapped hot air.
- Visit a friend with air conditioning or go someplace cool like a mall or library.
- Take a cool shower or bath.
- Read your medication labels. Some medications can cause adverse reactions to heat.
- Never leave children, pets, or those who require special care in a parked car during hot weather.

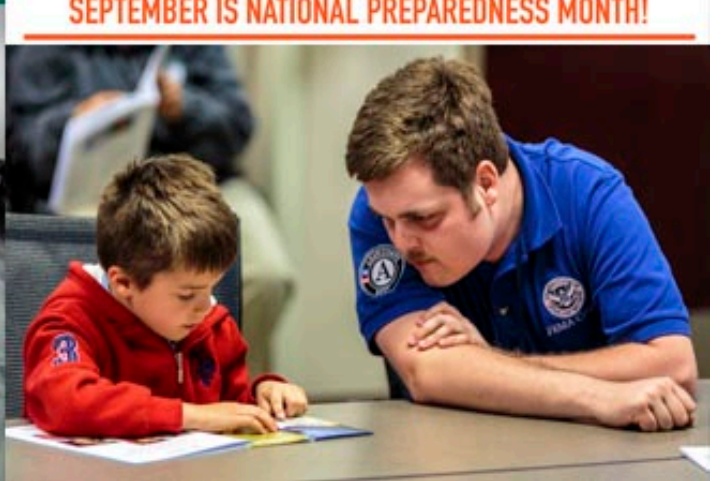
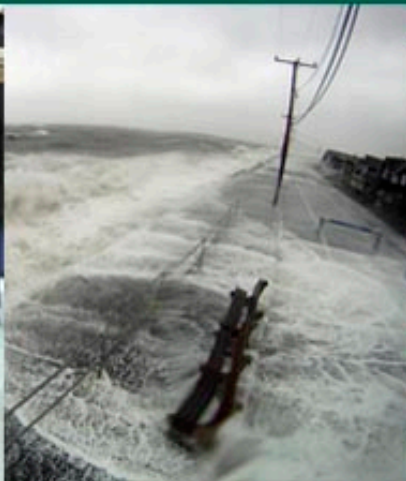
SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



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



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH!



September 2016

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Be Prepared

- Create an emergency plan with important contacts for your household.
- Be ready to shelter in your home for at least 72 hours.
- Have an emergency kit.
- Know the local Evacuation Routes.
- Decide on two emergency meeting places - one right outside or close to your home and another outside your neighborhood.
- Practice evacuating from your home and getting to your meeting places.
- Ask a friend or relative who lives outside of the area to be your family's emergency contact. If local phone lines are busy, long distance calls may be easier to make.
- Plan for everyone in your family including pets.
- Twice a year - check your emergency plan and the expiration dates of your emergency supplies when you change your clocks and smoke alarm batteries during Daylight Saving Time.



October 2016

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	Rosh Hashanah					
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	Columbus Day		Yom Kippur			
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				Great ShakeOut		
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	Halloween					

Earthquakes

Indoors:

- DROP to the ground.
- Take COVER under a study table or desk.
- HOLD ON to the leg of the table until the shaking stops.

Outside:

- STAY Outdoors.
- MOVE AWAY from buildings, streetlights and utility wires.
- Once in the open, STAY there until the shaking stops.

In a Vehicle:

- STOP as quickly as safety permits.
- STAY in the vehicle.
- AVOID STOPPING near or under buildings, trees, overpasses and utility wires.

In Bed:

- STAY there.
- COVER your head and neck with a pillow.



WINTER IS COMING PREPARE NOW

November 2016

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Thanksgiving Safety

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, there is an increased incidence of cooking fires during the holidays. Follow these tips to stay safe:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- Stay alert! To prevent cooking fires, you have to be alert.
- Keep anything that can catch fire - potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, towels, or curtains - away from your stovetop.
- Keep the stovetop, burners, and oven clean.
- Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire.
- Keep children and pets away from cooking areas



December 2016

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4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10
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25 Christmas/ Hanukkah Begins	26 Kwanza Begins	27	28	29	30	31 Christmas Eve New Year's Eve

Holiday Safety

- All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents. If you are using an artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.
- Don't Block Exits: Ensure that trees and other holiday decorations do not block an exit way.
- Never put wrapping paper in the fireplace. It can throw off sparks and embers that may result in a chimney fire.
- Avoid using candles. Consider using battery-operated candles.
- If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave the house with candles burning.
- Never put lit candles on a tree.
- Do not go near a tree with an open flame – candles, lighters or matches.