

# ARE YOU PREPARED?

## SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

**Storms and other emergencies can happen anytime!  
Prepare now to keep your family, pets, and home safe.**

### STEP ONE Know Your Risk

- Find out what disasters are most likely where you live (floods, snowstorms, power outages, etc.)
- Pick safe spots in your home for each type of emergency
- Learn evacuation routes in case you need to leave
- Consider the needs of children, older adults, and people with disabilities

### STEP TWO Make a Plan

- Decide how your family will stay in touch before, during, and after an emergency
- Gather food, water, medicines, and supplies for people, pets, and service animals
- Plan for transportation if you might need help evacuating
- Keep copies of important documents like insurance cards

### STEP THREE Stay Informed

- Sign up for local and state emergency alerts
- Make sure everyone can understand alert messages (use assistive devices if needed)
- Learn about local emergency resources and plans

### STEP FOUR Take Action

- Talk with your family about what to do in different situations
- Give each person a role in the plan
- Create an evacuation plan and choose a safe meeting spot outside your home
- Show everyone how to turn off water, gas, and electricity
- Practice your plan together

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