

National Preparedness Month



September is National Preparedness Month, and a great time to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies. The theme for 2021 is **“Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love.”**

The Office of Emergency Management encourages everyone to always **#beready** by focusing on different aspects of preparedness. Below are three key areas of focus [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov/):

- **Make A Plan:** Talk to your friends and family about how you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster. Make sure to update your plan based on the Centers for Disease Control recommendations due to the coronavirus.
- **Build A Kit:** Gather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone living in your home. Don't forget to consider the unique needs each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate quickly. Update your kits and supplies based on recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control.
- **Prepare for Disasters:** Limit the impacts that disasters have on you and your family. Know the risk of disasters in your area and check your insurance coverage. Learn how to make your home stronger in the face of storms and other common hazards and act fast if you receive a local warning or alert.

The Office of Emergency Management will be sharing preparedness tips throughout the month of September on their social media platforms. Visit [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ohem) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/ohem) here.

For more information on National Preparedness Month visit FEMA's Ready.gov [website](https://www.ready.gov/).