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# 2020 National Preparedness Month

## ***“Disasters Don’t Wait. Make Your Plan Today”***

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- National Preparedness Month (NPM) is recognized each September to promote family and community **disaster planning throughout the year**.
- In order to prepare yourself, your families, and your communities, it is important to know what disasters and hazards could affect your area.
- Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you'll contact one another. Establish a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to find.
- Tailor your plans and supplies to your needs and responsibilities (kids, pets, food, dietary and medical needs, and age of household members).
- Completely document your family emergency plan. Ensure that everyone understands the plan, and that it is readily accessible.
- Conduct regular household meetings to review and practice your emergency plan.
- **No one is more capable of planning for your situation than you.**
- **Be informed. Make a plan. Build a kit. Get involved.**

<b><u>Make A Plan</u></b>	<b><u>Build A Kit</u></b>	<b><u>Prepare for Disasters</u></b>	<b><u>Teach Preparedness</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- When making a plan consider the following: emergency alerts, shelter, evacuation, emergency kits, communication, and COVID-19 precautions.</li><li>- Consider specific needs of your household: dietary needs, medical equipment/ medications, disabilities, pets or service animals.</li><li>- Document your household emergency plan.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Gather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone living in your home.</li><li>- Consider the unique needs each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate quickly.</li><li>- Inspect and update your kits and supplies based on recommendations of known situations.</li><li>- Basic kit: water, food, radio, sanitation item, flashlight, facemask, duct tape, cash, clothes, medication.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Make your home stronger against storms and common hazards; act fast if you receive a local warning or alert.</li><li>- Limit the impacts that disasters have on you and your family.</li><li>- Know the risk of disasters in your area and check your insurance coverage.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Talk to others about preparing for emergencies.</li><li>- Talk to your kids and elderly parents about what to do in case you are separated.</li><li>- Share resources, tools, and information to help before, during, and after disasters.</li><li>- Reassure your community by providing information about how they can get involved.</li></ul>

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