

Hazard Guide Overview

Know the Risks. Be Ready.

Every community faces different hazards throughout the year. Knowing what to do before, during, and after an emergency can help protect you, your family, and your property. Use this guide as an overview of common hazards and preparedness tips.

Fire

Create a home fire escape plan, maintain smoke alarms, keep fire extinguishers accessible, prepare for wildfires, evacuate early if instructed, and never re-enter a burning building.

Blizzard & Winter Storms

Prepare a winter emergency kit, avoid unnecessary travel, stay warm during outages, prevent frostbite and hypothermia, and use caution while removing snow.

Flooding

Understand flood watches and warnings, protect your home, evacuate when directed, clean up safely after floods, and remember: Turn Around, Don't Drown®.

Severe Thunderstorms

Stay informed about weather alerts, seek shelter indoors, avoid lightning, secure outdoor items, and monitor changing conditions.

Tornadoes

Know your safe shelter location, heed warning sirens and alerts, move to the lowest level away from windows, and keep an emergency kit ready.

High Winds

Secure loose outdoor objects, use caution while driving, prepare for power outages, and watch for falling trees and debris.

Power Outages

Keep flashlights and batteries available, use generators safely outdoors, protect refrigerated food, and charge devices when possible.

Extreme Heat

Stay hydrated, avoid strenuous activity during peak heat, recognize heat illness, check on vulnerable neighbors, and never leave children or pets in vehicles.

Extreme Cold

Dress in layers, protect exposed skin, heat your home safely, prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, and care for pets and livestock.

Public Health Emergencies

Stay informed through trusted sources, practice good hygiene, maintain emergency supplies, and follow public health guidance.

Agricultural Emergencies

Prepare livestock evacuation plans, safely store chemicals, monitor wildfire conditions, and review farm equipment safety.

Emergency Alerts

Sign up for local alerts, keep a NOAA Weather Radio, monitor local officials, and follow county emergency management updates.

Before, During & After Any Emergency

Stay informed. Build an emergency kit. Make a family communication plan. Know evacuation routes. Follow instructions from local officials. Check on neighbors who may need assistance.