



Are You Prepared?

Be Ready West Virginia! ...Just in Case

Personal Preparedness in America:

Findings from the 2012 FEMA National Survey

- 45% of citizens are familiar with local warning systems and alerts
- 43% have made an emergency plan
- 52% have emergency supplies stored in their home



Anything can happen at any time. Being ready ahead of a disaster is the most critical action you can take to protect the things that matter most:

...your family, your home, your pets, yourselves and your business!



WV's 2016 June Severe Storms
*Flooding, Landslides
& Mudslides*



2012 Derecho Storm
WV Statewide power outages

1st Responders: ONLY 1% of population

- Fire Department
- Law Enforcement
- Emergency Medical Services
- Emergency Managers





Blocked/Limited Access



Limited Man Power & Resources



Addressing More Critical Needs

Utilities & Critical Services



- Electric
- Gas
- Water
- Medical
- Banking



What is Emergency Management and Response?

Levels of Response

- **Local:** County Emergency Management Agencies
- **State:** West Virginia Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (WVDHSEM)
- **Federal:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Volunteer Agencies



HOW?
TAKE ACTION NOW!
4 Steps to be Prepared



Step 1: Be Informed

Know Area Hazards



Chemical & Industrial Hazards



Severe Storms



Flood



Power Outage

Step 1: Be Informed

- How will you be informed of important information before, during, and after an emergency?
 - Emergency Alerts
 - Radio/ television
 - Social Media
 - Mobile Apps

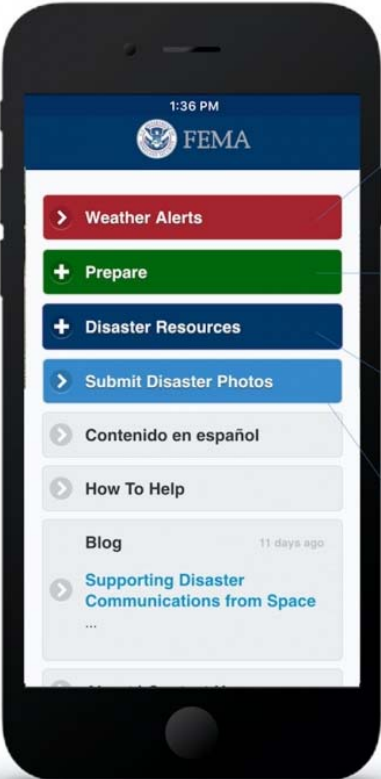



KC Ready App





Step 1: Be Informed


Download Emergency Mobile Apps



 Receive alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations.

 Get safety reminders, read tips to survive natural disasters, and customize your emergency checklist.

 Locate open shelters and where to talk to FEMA in person (or on the phone).

 Upload and share your disaster photos to help first responders.

Seasonal Weather Hazards



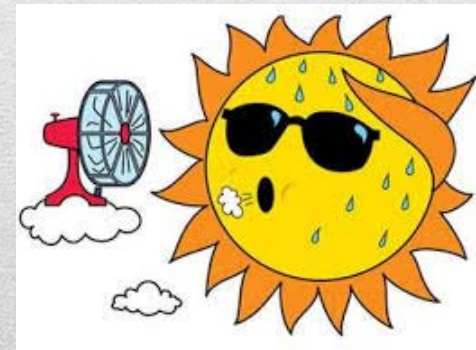
Fall



Winter



Spring



Summer

Hazardous Weather Alerts

Warning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pose a threat to life or property.• Occurring, imminent or likely.• Need to take protective ACTION.
Watch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Possible occurrence.• Location or timing is still uncertain.
Advisory	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Less serious conditions.• Occurring, imminent or likely.

Severe Weather Warnings



- Stay indoors on lowest floor
 - Close shades/curtains
 - Wear loose light clothing, wide rim hat
 - Drink plenty of water
 - Avoid Caffeine
 - Check on vulnerable neighbors — *the elderly, ill, disabled, or have special needs*
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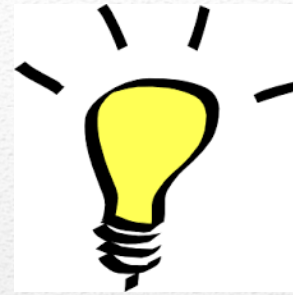
Severe Weather Warnings



- Secure outdoor objects
- Stay indoors
- Close doors, windows and curtains
- Stay away from glass
- Power outages, possible
- Unplug electronic equipment
- Fallen trees and moving debris



Power Outage Prep Tips



- Extra batteries
 - Full Gas Tank
 - Unplug Electronic equipment
 - Alternate charging methods for phones/devices
 - Back-up plan for power dependent medical equipment.
 - Food Safety ---- *keeping doors closed, food will stay safe 4 hours Frig & 48 hours in freezer.*
 - Learn to use alternative heat sources safely.
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Severe Weather Hacks (*Tips!*)



Let there be Light!



DIY Air Conditioning!



Protect your head in a storm!



Turn AAA batteries into AA!



Severe Weather Warnings



- Stay Indoors - Pets too!
 - Minimize travel.
 - Alternative heating source – wood, propane...
 - Store extra food, water & blankets
 - Supplies: Shovel, salt, scrapper, gloves, etc.
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Winter Weather Hacks (*Tips!*)



Flood Facts



Turn around, Don't Drown!



Move to Higher Ground!



Home Insurance Policy

VS



**National Flood Insurance
Plan (NFIP)**



Step 1: Be Informed

On-line Resources



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Step 2: Make a Plan

Family Communications Plan

Have the following information written down:

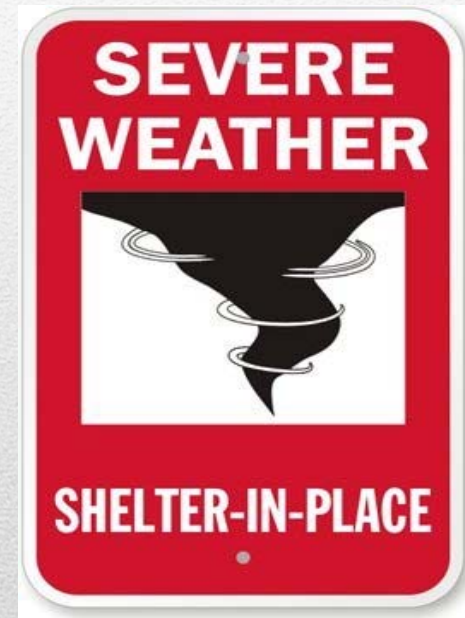
- Family contacts
- Emergency Contacts (*in-state & out-of-state points of contact*)
- Designated meeting places (*in town & out of town*)
- School and Work information
- Medical Contacts
- Medications and allergies
- Insurance (*medical & home/rental*)
- Special considerations

Create an ICE (*In Case of Emergency*) Contact

Share your plan with your family and friends!

Step 2: Make a Plan

Make plans for different hazards:



Share your plan with your family and friends!

Step 3: Build a Kit

Contents:

- Radio: *crank or battery powered*
- Flashlight & batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Wrench//Pliers
- Local maps
- Medical, Insurance and Bank account information
- Paper towels, moist wipes, garbage bags & ties
- Cash, check book
- Can opener
- Whistle
- Filter/Dust mask

Have a 3-day supply of:

- Non-perishable food
- Water: *1-gallon/person/day including children*
- Medications & medical equipment
- Pet supplies
- Baby supplies
- Other special Needs



- Kits for different locations:

- Home
- Car
- Work
- Go-kit (evacuation)

- Update your kits:

- For different hazards
- Once or twice a year



WINTER EMERGENCY KIT

Step 4: Be Involved

Volunteer: Help with Disaster Response & Recovery

- [Volunteer West Virginia](#)
 - [WV VOAD - Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster](#)
 - [Red Cross](#)
 - [Long Term Recovery Groups](#)
 - [CERT \(Community Emergency Response Team\)](#)
Contact Gina Namay for information 304-558-0111.
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Step 4: Be Involved

Prepare with Your Family & Community:

Participate in Emergency Training or Planning:

- **Conduct a Fire Drill**
- **Take CPR, 1st Aid, Fire extinguisher training**
- **Invite local 1st Responder to talk about safety**
- **Create an emergency call down list**

...with your family, neighborhood, school, youth group or faith-based organization.



To learn more about emergency preparedness and other actions you can take to protect you and your loved ones visit our website at www.ready.wv.gov

Be Informed. Make a plan. Make a Kit. Be involved.

Questions?
