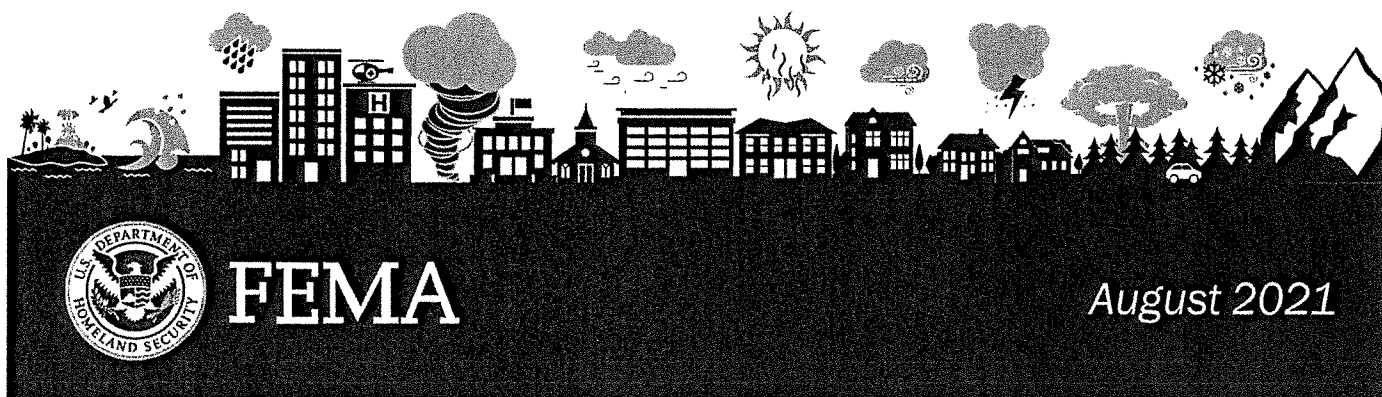


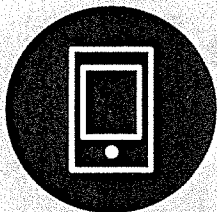
**Be Aware
Be Prepared
Take Action**



**A Guide for
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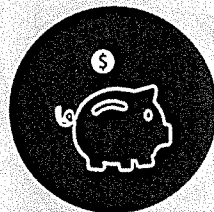
12 Ways to Prepare *Before* a Disaster Happens:



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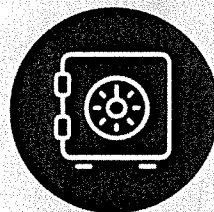
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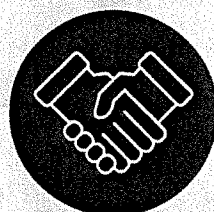
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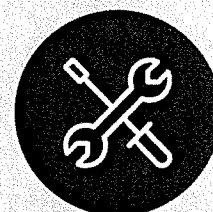
**Test Family
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**Safeguard
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**Plan with
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**Make Your
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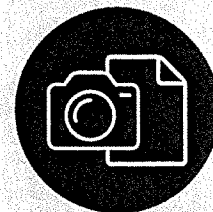
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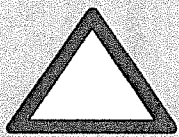


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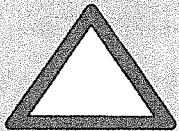
If you receive an alert on your TV, phone, or radio:

Take the actions listed here.
Follow instructions from local officials.
Follow the instructions in the alert.



Advisory and Statement

Be aware! A hazard is expected to occur in your area or nearby, but its impact is not expected to be life-threatening.



Watch

Be prepared! A hazard may possibly occur in your area or nearby.



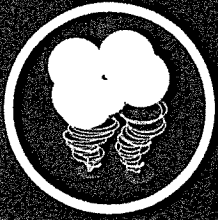
Warning

Take action! A hazard is expected to occur or is already occurring in your area or nearby, and its impact may be serious.

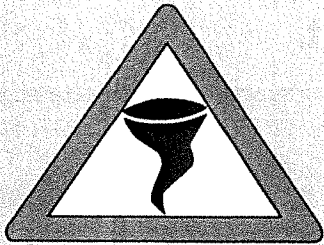
“THIS IS A TEST”

Officials sometimes send test or practice messages. Consider using this as a reminder to check your emergency plan and supplies. Review the 12 Ways to Prepare for more steps to take.

Some hazards may not have an advisory, watch, or warning. Use the 12 Ways to Prepare to be ready for hazards that may happen suddenly. Visit ready.gov/be-informed to learn more about hazards not included in this guide. This is general guidance. Always defer to the alert.



Tornado



Tornado Watch

Be prepared! There is the **potential** that a tornado will develop.



A tornado may occur within the next **2 to 4 hours**.



If You Get this Alert at Home:



Review your emergency plan.



Check on family members and friends to make sure they have a plan.



Be prepared to go to your safe shelter.



Check supplies, food, and water, and make a plan to use these supplies for at least 3 days.

A tornado is a violently rotating column of air that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground. Most tornadoes last less than 10 minutes.



Tornado Warning

Take action! A tornado is **occurring** or **about to occur** in the area or nearby.



A tornado may occur within the next **few minutes to half hour**.



If You Get this Alert at Home:



Go to your safe shelter immediately. Go to a sturdy building or small, interior, windowless room on the building's lowest level.



Stay away from windows, doors, and exterior walls.



Take cover. Use your arms to protect your head and neck.



If You Get this Alert in Your Car:



If you cannot go to a safe place, take cover. Use your arms, a coat, or blanket to cover your head and neck.



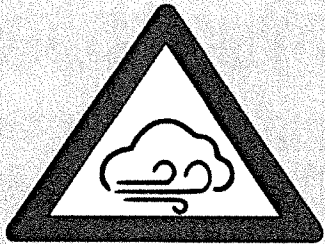
Do not try to outrun a tornado.



Do not hide under a bridge or overpass. Go to a low, flat location.



Extreme Wind



Extreme Wind Warning

Take action! Dangerously strong winds are **occurring** and sustained hurricane winds **may occur**.



Extreme wind is occurring or will occur within **1 hour**.



If You Get this Alert at Home:



Follow your emergency plan.



Go to your safe shelter or small, interior, windowless room. Stay in the safe shelter and do not go into the calm of the hurricane eye.



Take cover now. Use your arms to protect your head and neck.

Extreme wind is wind greater than 115 mph and may signal that hurricane winds may begin shortly.

Extreme Wind Warning (Cont.)



Please note:

There is no Extreme Wind Watch.



If You Get this Alert in Your Car:



Slow down!



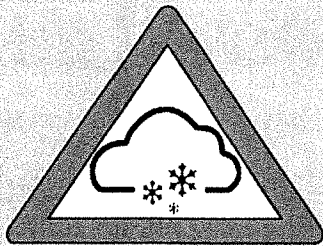
Pull aside; stay alive! Move to the road's shoulder, turn on the car's hazard lights, and stay in the car.



Be cautious if driving in or near high-profile vehicles, which may be pushed by wind.



Winter Storm



Winter Storm Watch

Be prepared! There is a **possibility** of a winter storm containing snow, sleet, ice, wind, or a combination of these hazards.



A winter storm may occur within
24 to 72 hours.



If You Get this Alert at Home:



Gather supplies, food, and water, and make a plan to use these supplies for at least 3 days.



Limit your time outside and wear warm clothes.



Prepare for power outages and have a plan in case you lose heat.



If You Get this Alert in Your Car:

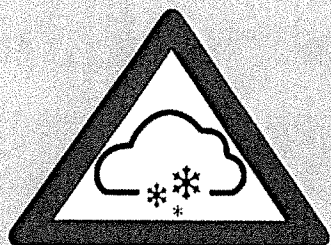


Put an emergency kit in your car.



Stay off the roads.

A winter storm brings snow, sleet, ice accumulation, wind, or a combination of these hazards.



Winter Storm Warning

Take action! A winter storm is **occurring** or is **about to occur**; expect snow, sleet, ice, wind, or a combination of these hazards.



A winter storm will occur within **12 to 48 hours**.



If You Get this Alert at Home:



Check supplies, food, and water, and make a plan to use these supplies for at least 3 days.



Limit your time outside and wear warm clothes.



Prepare for power outages and have a plan in case you lose heat.



If You Get this Alert in Your Car:



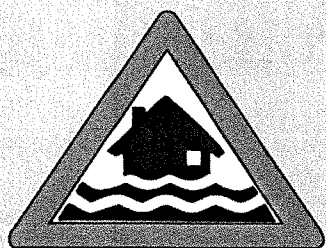
Put an emergency kit in your car.



Stay off the roads.



Flash Flood



Flash Flood Watch

Be prepared! There is a **possibility** of a flash flood.



A flash flood may occur within the next **several hours or days**.



If You Get this Alert at Home:



Know your risk. Move to higher ground if in a flood-prone area.



Evacuate immediately if told to do so.



Protect your property if you have time and are staying in place.



Put important documents in a waterproof container.



If You Get this Alert in Your Car:



Turn Around Don't Drown® Do not drive through flood waters.

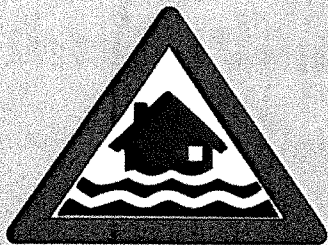


Avoid flood waters.



Stay off bridges over fast-moving water.

A flash flood is a damaging and life-threatening, rapid rise of water into an area that's normally dry. A flash flood may occur within minutes to hours after an event like intense rainfall or dam failure.



Flash Flood Warning

Take action! A dangerous, life-threatening flood is **occurring** or **about to occur**.



A flash flood is **occurring** or **about to occur**.



If You Get this Alert at Home:



Move to higher ground immediately if in a flood-prone area.



Evacuate immediately if told to do so.



Protect property only if it is safe to do so.



If You Get this Alert in Your Car:



Turn Around Don't Drown® Do not drive through flood waters.



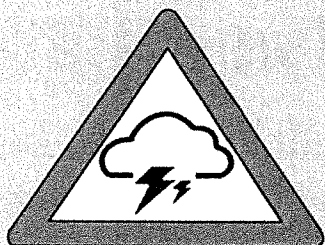
Avoid flood waters.



Stay off bridges over fast-moving water.



Severe Thunderstorm



Severe Thunderstorm Watch

Be prepared! There is a **possibility** of severe thunderstorms.



A severe thunderstorm watch typically lasts **4 to 8 hours**.



If You Get this Alert at Home:



When thunder roars, go indoors. Find a place to shelter.



Secure outside furniture and property.



Unplug appliances.



Prepare for a power outage.



If You Get this Alert in Your Car:



Stay in your car if you cannot go indoors.

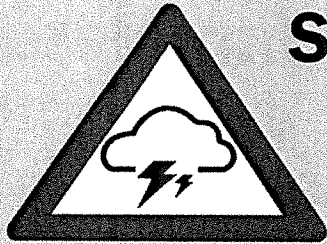


Turn Around Don't Drown® Do not drive through flood waters.



Avoid touching metal surfaces in the car.

A severe thunderstorm is a dangerous storm that includes lightning.



Severe Thunderstorm Warning

Take action! Severe weather is **happening**. There may be considerable or destructive damage.



A severe thunderstorm warning typically lasts **1 hour**.



If You Get this Alert at Home:



When thunder roars, go indoors. Find a place to shelter.



Avoid using running water or landline phones.



Unplug appliances.



Avoid isolated trees, concrete, and metal that lightning could hit.



If You Get this Alert in Your Car:



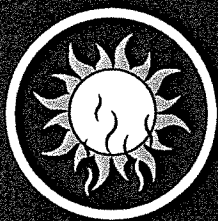
Stay in your car.



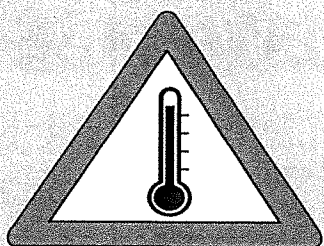
Turn Around Don't Drown® Do not drive through flood waters.



Avoid touching metal surfaces in the car.



Extreme or Excessive Heat



Excessive Heat Watch

Be prepared! Dangerous high temperatures and/or humidities are **possible**.



Extreme heat may occur within the next **24 to 72 hours**.



If You Get this Alert at Home:



Check on family members and friends to make sure they have a plan to stay cool.



Learn the signs of heat-related illness.



Prepare your home to keep heat out.



Wear light, loose clothing.



Avoid high-energy outdoor activities.



Drink fluids.

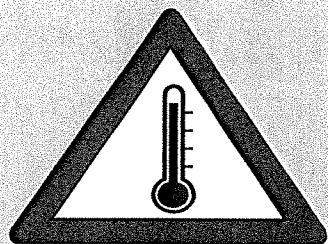


If You Get this Alert in Your Car:



Look before you lock. Do not leave people or pets in closed cars.

Extreme or excessive heat (sometimes called a “heat wave”) is a period of abnormally hot weather that lasts more than two days. Heat waves can occur with or without high humidity.



Excessive Heat Warning

Take action! Dangerous high temperatures and/or humidities are **occurring** or **about to occur**.



Extreme heat is occurring or will occur within the next **12 hours**.



If You Get this Alert at Home:



Cool down. Use air conditioning.



Find shade if outside.



Watch for signs of heat-related illness.



Wear light, loose clothing.



Avoid high-energy outdoor activities.



Drink fluids.



If You Get this Alert in Your Car:



Look before you lock. Do not leave people or pets in closed cars.



Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- ☐ Water and non-perishable food for several days
- ☐ Extra cell phone battery or charger
- ☐ Battery-powered or hand crank radio that can receive NOAA Weather Radio tone alerts and extra batteries
- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Whistle to signal for help
- ☐ Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ☐ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ☐ Non-sparking wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ☐ Can opener (if kit contains canned food)
- ☐ Local maps

FEMA's Ready Campaign educates and empowers Americans to take some simple steps to prepare for and respond to potential emergencies, including those from natural hazards and man-made disasters. Ready asks individuals to do three key things: get an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and appropriate responses. Everyone should have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive several days if an emergency occurs. This list of emergency supply kit items is only a starting point. It is important that individuals review this list and consider the unique needs of their family, including pets, for items to include. Individuals should also consider having at least two emergency supply kits, one full kit at home and smaller portable kits in their workplace, vehicle or other places they spend time.



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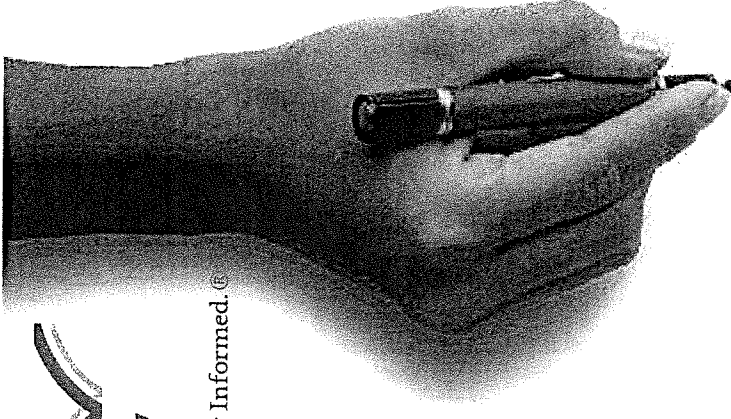
Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- ☐ Prescription medications and glasses
- ☐ Infant formula and diapers
- ☐ Pet food, water and supplies for your pet
- ☐ Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a portable waterproof container
- ☐ Cash and change
- ☐ Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
- ☐ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- ☐ Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- ☐ Fire Extinguisher
- ☐ Matches in a waterproof container
- ☐ Feminine supplies, personal hygiene items and hand sanitizer
- ☐ Mess kits, Paper cups, plates and disposable utensils, paper towels
- ☐ Paper and pencil
- ☐ Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children



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Emergency Supply List



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FAMILY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION PLAN

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Home #: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____ Mobile #: _____

Email: _____

Important Medical or Other Info: _____

Name: _____ Mobile #: _____

Email: _____

Important Medical or Other Info: _____

Name: _____ Mobile #: _____

Email: _____

Important Medical or Other Info: _____

SCHOOL, CHILD CARE, CAREGIVER, AND WORKPLACE EMERGENCY PLANS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Emergency/Hotline #: _____

Emergency Plan/Pick-Up: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Emergency Plan/Pick-Up: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: _____ Mobile #: _____
Home #: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____

OUT-OF-TOWN CONTACT

Name: _____ Mobile #: _____
Home #: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____

EMERGENCY MEETING PLACE

Indoor: _____
Instructions: _____

Neighborhood: _____
Instructions: _____

Out-of-Town Neighborhood: _____
Instructions: _____

IMPORTANT NUMBERS/INFORMATION

Police: _____ Fire: _____
Doctor: _____ Dentist: _____
Medical Insurance: _____
Policy Number: _____
Hospital/Clinic: _____

