GET AHEAD OF WHAT’S AHEAD.

Be Informed. Make a Plan. Build a Kit. #TexasReady

In Texas, natural and man-made disasters can happen anytime and anywhere. While all disasters are unpredictable, you don’t have to be unprepared.

**BE INFORMED**

Whether a natural or man-made disaster, know the potential hazards that are near you and how to best prepare.

- Check your weather apps, local TV news, and radio stations for emergency weather information.
- Know the difference between a watch and a warning. A watch means dangerous conditions are possible. A warning means dangerous conditions are about to happen; seek shelter now.
- Be informed about risks around the community such as industrial plants, transport routes for hazardous materials and more.

**MAKE A PLAN**

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it’s important to make a plan and practice in advance.

- Emergency Contacts: People to call to help you reunite with your family and stay informed about your situation.
- Meeting Places: Places near home and/or out-of-town to meet up with your family if you’re separated or cannot return to your home.
- Evacuation Plan: If you are told to leave home, know possible evacuation routes and how to turn off your home’s utilities.
- Children: Make sure they know the plan and emergency contacts.
- Elderly and People with Functional and Access Needs: Plan for the health and safety needs of these individuals.
- Pets: Make sure you have what you need to keep track of and care for your pet.

Once you have a plan, practice it. Involve your family so they know what to do, where to meet and whom to contact, and how.

**BUILD A KIT**

Gather and prepare supplies that your family and pets will need if you must evacuate or shelter-in-place.

**Evacuation Bag:**
Consider packing the following items in an easy to carry container such as a backpack. You’ll need to pack items you will not have access to in a shelter or alternate location.

- Water bottle and snacks (for travel needs)
- Medications
- Passport, driver’s license, or other government-issued ID
- Important documents (medical insurance cards, birth certificates, other documents not easily replaced)
- Flashlight
- Batteries
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Road map (if driving)
- Pet collar and leash
- Photos of family members (for identification purposes)
- Essential clothing

**Shelter-in-Place Supplies:**
To shelter in place, build your kit to survive for up to 72 hours. It may take rescuers 3 days to reach you. Consider keeping the following items on hand in a sturdy, waterproof container. Be sure to review your shelter-in-place kit at least once a year to replace expired items.

- Non-perishable food
- Water
- Pet food
- Manual can opener
- Toilet paper
- Bleach
- Medications
- First aid kit

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