

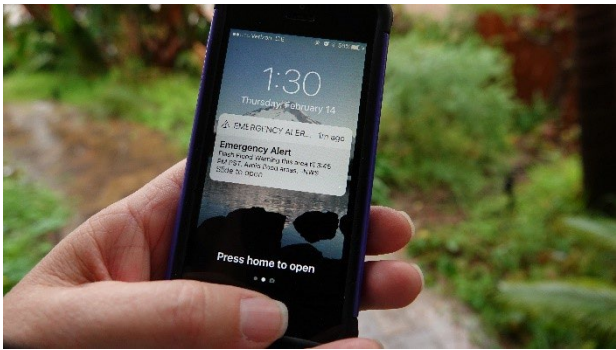
Take 5 to Survive

Are you ready for the unexpected? When thinking about emergency preparedness, it is easy to become overwhelmed. Take 5 to Survive is designed to help overcome barriers that may prevent you from preparing for emergencies so you can feel more confident in your preparedness. To learn more about Take 5 to Survive, visit take5tosurvive.com.



Learn about local hazards

There are many hazards in Washington County that can threaten your safety or damage your home or workplace. We are at risk of winter storms, windstorms, floods, earthquakes, and more. Learn more at [Washington County Emergency Management's Hazards webpage](#).



Stay informed

During an emergency, officials need to be able to deliver quick, accurate information. Visit tvwd.org/Portal to update your contact information in case TVWD needs to notify you in an emergency. You can also follow TVWD at flashalert.net and find other local agencies' notification platforms at oralert.gov.



Gather two weeks of emergency supplies

Despite our best efforts, services you rely on may not be available for hours, or possibly days or weeks, in the event of an emergency. Make sure you are “[two weeks ready](#)” and [have an emergency kit that includes water, food, and critical supplies](#). Keep your supplies in a backpack, bag or bucket than you can easily take with you if you need to evacuate.



Make a plan and practice

Everyone in your home needs to work together to create a household emergency plan. Each person should know how to respond during an emergency, including where to go, who to contact if they can't contact each other, and where emergency supplies are kept and how to use them. At least once per year, practice your emergency plan together.



Do you have your emergency supply of water and food, and have taken other steps to prepare for emergencies?

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