

September Is Emergency Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month, a time to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies. By putting off disaster preparedness until there's an imminent threat, it may be too late. Prepare now so you will be ready for whatever may come.



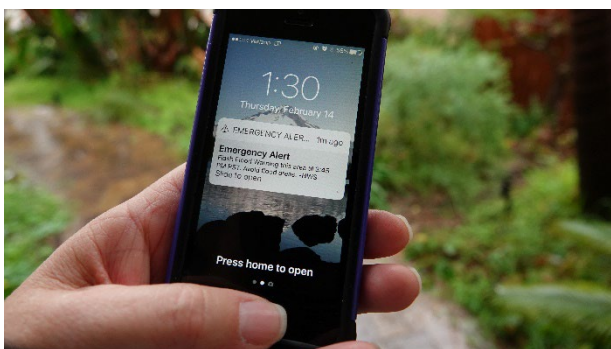
Store emergency supplies

Store one gallon of water per person, per day that will last you two weeks. You may need more for pets or special needs. Have, a supply of non-perishable food and an extra supply of medications. Emergency kits should also have a first aid kit, a radio, hygiene items, multi-purpose tools, and extra cash. Keep copies of personal documents, including important medical information, passports, and birth certificates.



Prepare your family

Talk with your family about potential emergencies and the steps you can take to stay safe through each scenario. Make a plan, write it down, and be sure each person in your home understands their role. Create a brief list of contacts with phone numbers, email addresses, and other information. Make sure to identify safe places to reunite.



Keep in touch

TVWD uses email and phone numbers to alert customers of emergencies with their water service, such as shutdowns and boil water notices. Please make sure we have up to date contact information. Also, follow TVWD at [flashalert.net](https://www.flashalert.net) for large-scale emergency alerts sent directly to phones, tablets, and email.



Always be ready

You may not be home when disaster strikes, so think about how you'll respond no matter where you are. Keep basic supplies in your car, take them with you when you go hiking, camping, or travelling, and make sure you know where to find them at work. No matter the setting, connect with the people around you.

The following resources can be used to help you prepare for the unexpected:

- Emergency water storage: [regionalh2o.org](https://www.regionalh2o.org)
- Emergency preparedness kits: [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org).
- Prepare your home's pipes for cold weather: www.tvwd.org/cold
- Update your contact information with TVWD: www.tvwd.org/portal
- TVWD emergency notification tool: <https://www.flashalert.net/>
- Other local agency emergency notification tools: <https://oralert.gov/>



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

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