

# Emergency Preparedness

*By taking a few simple steps, you and your family will know what to do during an emergency.*



**DEVELOP A PLAN:** Prepare a family emergency plan that meets the needs of everyone in your household.



**CREATE A KIT:** Include enough food and water for at least three days. That's three gallons of water for each family member and three gallons of water for each pet for three days. Remember to include a manual can opener, eating utensils, a flashlight with extra batteries and a battery-operated radio.



**BE INFORMED:** Sign up for emergency text or email alerts. To sign up for alerts from Baltimore City, visit [emergency.baltimorecity.gov](https://www.emergency.baltimorecity.gov) under Watch and Warning Systems. Visit the Maryland Emergency Management Agency at [mema.maryland.gov](https://www.mema.maryland.gov) for alert systems available from other areas.



**BE PREPARED TO SHELTER IN PLACE:** If there is an emergency, officials may tell you to shelter in place, which means to stay indoors.



**BE READY TO EVACUATE:** Plan an escape route from your home in case of fire or other emergency. Visit [mema.maryland.gov](https://www.mema.maryland.gov) for emergency maps and other resources.

For more emergency preparedness tips, you can also visit [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov).



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