

PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION

For most people, disasters and emergencies are not a part of everyday life, so when something happens, they are often taken by surprise. The reality is that disasters happen every day. Each disaster can have serious injuries, property damage, loss of essential services, and disruption of community and business activities to name a few.

Disaster response is a partnership between first responders: local, state, and federal governments; disaster-relief organizations; and you! Taking the time to understand how a disaster may affect you, and then taking steps now to protect yourself can help minimize the negative effects of a disaster and help you recover more quickly.

In a disaster situation, local responders may not be able to reach you immediately. You should be ready to be self-sufficient for at least three days (72 hours). Your preparedness may allow you to help others during a disaster and will most certainly allow the first responders in your area to take care of those in the most immediate life-threatening situations. Being prepared and knowing what to do will reduce fear and anxiety and may help you to avoid the danger altogether.

Having a pre-developed emergency plan, preparing an emergency kit, and understanding how to stay informed is essential to your survival and comfort.

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Stay informed during an emergency and get weather and traffic updates through Alert Prince George's, the official emergency notification system of Prince George's County. Visit <http://alert.mypgc.us> to sign up.



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