

KERSHAW COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



INTRO:

- Kershaw County Emergency Management is one of the six divisions of the Department of Safety and Emergency Services in Kershaw County. We work with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, Kershaw County Local Emergency Planning Committee, National Weather Service, Volunteer groups and other Public Safety Agencies planning for and responding to disasters.



KNOWING THE TYPES OF EMERGENCIES YOUR COMMUNITY MAY FACE IS ESSENTIAL TO BEING PREPARED FOR THEM.



MAKE A PLAN

- **Create a Family Disaster Plan**

Meet with your family and discuss why you need to prepare for disaster. Many families already have an emergency plan for a house fire, so making an all-hazard plan will just add a few more details. Every member of the family will have a role during an emergency, so it is important to share ideas, responsibilities and work as a team when you create your plan.



MAKE A PLAN

- Discuss the types of disasters that are most likely to happen. Explain what to do in each case.
- Everyone in the family should know the address and phone number of the designated meeting place. Pick two places to meet:
 - Outside your home in the case of a sudden emergency, like a fire; and
 - Outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home.
- Pick an out-of-town or out-of-state friend to be your "family contact." After a disaster, it is often easier to call long distance than to make a local call. All family members should call this person and tell them if they are safe, and where they are to help reduce panic during an emergency.
- Discuss what to do in an evacuation and keep reference materials distributed by utilities and emergency managers with evacuation zones and routes in a designated area. Take some time to plan for your pets.



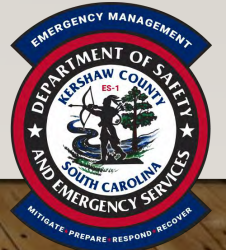
MOBILE DEVICES

- Home and safety preparations for those in a severe storm's path should include preparing mobile devices like smartphones for emergencies. Extreme weather and other major disasters can disrupt communication channels. Your mobile devices could be tools to keep in touch with family, as well as with response and recovery efforts.



MOBILE DEVICES

- **Create a texting phone tree.** Create a network of contacts, so you can reach them quickly after any sort of extreme weather. Texting may be the only available form of communication. You can also check to see if text alerts are available through businesses and government agencies.
- **Utilize mobile banking apps.** Use mobile banking apps during power outages and when ATMs aren't accessible.
- **Take advantage of insurance apps.** Many insurance companies allow their customers to file claims using their smartphones to quickly start the recovery process.




MOBILE DEVICES


- **Have a car phone charger and spare phone battery.** If power is out for an extended period, your car will be a valuable source of energy.
- **Have a backup.** During a large-scale disaster, it is possible that mobile networks can become overloaded or non-operational. Have a backup such as battery-powered or hand-crank NOAA weather radio.




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PRACTICE AN MAINTAIN YOUR PLAN

- Quiz your family every six months so they remember what to do.
- Conduct fire and emergency evacuation drills.
- Replace stored water every three months and stored food every six months.
- Check your fire extinguisher(s) and have them tested and serviced according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.



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