

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS POINTER

September 2019

## NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2019

September is National Preparedness Month which is a great opportunity to get your family together and start planning for the unexpected. [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov) outlines steps you and your family can take each week this month to become better prepared. Remember to include children in the process. Listed below are things you can do this month as a household. You can also visit [our website](#) to learn more about creating your own family emergency plan.

### LEARN ABOUT ADA COUNTY HAZARDS

Every community is at risk from various hazards. We need to know what hazards we face so we can take reasonable precautions to protect ourselves, our families, and our communities. Once you know your risks, you can develop a Family Disaster Plan to help you and your family prepare for and respond to hazardous events. Visit our website to see a full list of hazards in Ada County: [adacounty.id.gov/emergencymanagement/hazard-links/](http://adacounty.id.gov/emergencymanagement/hazard-links/)



### SAVE NOW FOR THE UNEXPECTED



Plan financially for the possibility of disaster. You can complete an [emergency financial first aid kit](#) and follow the steps outlined by [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) to ensure you are prepared. Ensuring you have the proper homeowner and renter insurance is also important in being financially prepared.

### MAKE A PLAN

Make an emergency plan and include each member of your household. This is a great opportunity to teach children how to evacuate the house, who your out-of-state contact is, and [how to create a 72-hour kit](#). It is also important to sign up for alerts and warnings for your area. To sign up for alerts in Ada County, visit the [CodeRED enrollment page](#).



### PRACTICE AND MAINTAIN

We encourage people to prepare for disaster because the government and voluntary emergency response agencies can't be everywhere helping everyone immediately following a disaster. In a major disaster communities or individuals may be isolated for 72 hours or more before they can be reached by emergency responders. By taking these few simple steps listed above people can significantly increase their chances of survival and ability to cope with disaster. Having a plan is only the first step. Take time to practice and review your plan regularly. Household situations change and so should your plan. [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov) provides resources to help families practice and maintain their plans.



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