September is National Preparedness Month. This year, the theme of national preparedness month is *A Lasting Legacy*. “The life you’ve built is worth protecting. Prepare for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family” (ready.gov). Creating an emergency communications plan, building a disaster supplies kit, and actively staying informed are three ways you and your household can create a lasting legacy of preparedness.

**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

It is important that every member of the household has a copy of a written emergency communications plan. Regularly check the information in your plan to ensure all information is correct and current. Your mobile phone will not always be accessible; this is why it is best to have this information written down for each individual.

- Start planning today by using this [emergency communications plan template](#).
- Don’t forget about planning for your pets as well! See ideas for planning here: [HumaneSociety.org](#).
- For more planning information visit [Ready.gov/plan](#).

**BUILD A DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT**

A disaster supplies kit is a collection of items your household may need following an emergency. Being prepared means having enough food, water, and other supplies that will last you for several days, or even until access to those essentials has been restored. For ideas on building a disaster supplies kit, please visit [Ready.gov/kit](#) or [Adacounty.id.gov](#).