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For more information about St. Peters Emergency Management and emergency preparedness, please contact:

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For other information regarding emergency preparedness, you may also contact the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) at 573.526.4768.



ARE YOU PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY?



PREPARING FOR EMERGENCY

READY IN 3

Three Steps to Emergency Preparedness

Would you be prepared to take care of yourself or your family in case of an emergency? Unfortunately, we don't get to know when a disaster will strike—tornadoes, other destructive storms, fires, and more can hit with little to no warning. Your level of preparation could determine your success in overcoming an emergency.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has developed a "Ready in 3" program to teach people the three major steps to prepare for an emergency:

- 1) Create a plan for you, your family, and your business.**
- 2) Prepare a kit for home, car and work.**
- 3) Listen for information about what to do and where to go during an actual emergency.**

Why make a plan? If disaster strikes, your family—or workers—may be scattered. Having a plan means that all of you know what to do ahead of time—for instance, who is your family's emergency contact? It's probably best to make it an out-of-town family member

or friend who might not be affected by the same emergency as you.



It's a good idea to plan for two situations—staying at home or leaving home. The type of emergency will dictate which plan to take, and emergency officials may tell you what you need to do. You should prepare a shelter at your home in the safest place possible, usually in the interior of the home, with few windows and doors. There should be enough room for your entire family. Should you have to leave, plan where your family members should meet.

One of the biggest to-do items is to stay calm after an emergency. Having a plan and having a way to get information both go a long way to helping calm the situation. If you listen for instructions and advice from emergency officials, you could overcome the situation more safely and quickly. That's why it's so important to have a battery-powered radio, and extra batteries, in your home. (See the list of emergency kit items below.)

We've summarized the Ready in 3 program for you here, but you can learn much more about emergency preparedness. Check out the State of Missouri's Department of Health and Senior Services website at www.dhss.mo.gov/Ready_in_3.

Your home emergency kit should include the following items:

- Bottled water (one gallon of water per person per day, to last three days)
- Canned or dried food (a three-day supply for each person—with a manual can opener)
- Battery-powered radio
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries for radio and flashlight
- First-aid kit
- Prescription medicine
- Clean clothes and sturdy shoes
- Extra credit card
- Extra money
- Sturdy trash bags
- Formula and baby food (if you have an infant)

THE CITY OF ST. PETERS OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The City of St. Peters has its own Office of Emergency Management that coordinates emergency management efforts for our community. The City of St. Peters has adopted national standards set by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides a systematic, proactive approach to reduce the loss of life and property and harm to the environment.



St. Peters earned StormReady® status from the National Weather Service for implementing a number of procedures in the areas of emergency planning, enhanced warning and communications to help reduce the chance for disastrous weather-related consequences.

Go online to www.stpetersmo.net for more information or to sign up to receive urgent community news updates via email and/or phone messages.

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