

Emergency Preparedness



RICHLAND COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Be Informed

- Know the threats in your area.
- Consider your home and workplace.
- Stay informed on potential hazards to the area through WRCO & local TV stations.

Make a Plan

- Develop a communications plan.
- Determine an out-of-area (>100 mi) contact in the case that phone circuits are busy.
- Have a Shelter-in-Place Plan with the ability to seal a room to create a barrier against contaminated air.
- Have a fire Evacuation Plan. Check and change batteries the in your smoke detectors regularly.
- Have a plan in the case of a tornado. Keep in mind you may need to evacuate to an alternate location.
- Know the plans for your home and workplace.
- Practice the plans to stay familiar with them and ensure they will work.

Build a Kit

- You already have many items needed for an emergency kit. Gather them into one easy-to-access location.
- Consider the special needs for you and your family. Include prescriptions, baby food, extra glasses, etc.
- If you have pets, have pet food, treats, and toys for them as well as a leash or carrier.

Get Involved

- Once you and your family are prepared, help your friends and neighbors to prepare.
- Consider joining a volunteer organization assisting with emergencies (American Red Cross, Salvation Army)