



PROTECT WHAT MATTERSSM

September is ...
National Preparedness Month

Prepared
Not Scared.
Be Ready for Disasters



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September is ...

National Preparedness Month

... an awareness campaign initiated by FEMA aimed at strengthening the security, safety, and resilience of our Nation by encouraging individuals, families, and organizations, as a whole, to take significant action toward making themselves and their communities fully prepared for unexpected situations.

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Ready
Prepare. Plan. Stay Informed.



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Agenda

- Purpose
- Why is Preparation important?
 - Your role
 - Steps to Preparation
 - Be Informed
 - Types of Disasters in Louisiana
 - What Could Really Happen?
 - Why is Preparation Important?
 - Make a plan
 - Planning Considerations
 - Practice the Plan
 - Build a kit
 - Kit Recommendations
 - Get Involved
- Religious Support in Emergencies
- Resources



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Purpose

To educate, inform and involve the LANG community in preparedness activities to increase Army resiliency and our State's readiness for all-hazards events

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Why is Preparation important?

- “The First 72 is on You”
- Why Not 2 WEEKS?
- Which do you think would better support your family?

“It is not a matter of if, it is a matter of when”





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Your Role

In a disaster, you may be a victim, but you are also a vital part of the response, critical to your family, neighbors, fellow Guard members, and the citizens of Louisiana.

Immediately following a catastrophic disaster, National Guard Service Members are mobilized.

Upon mobilization stabilize family members and report as follows:

- 1. First report to your assigned unit/armory, or per your unit's SOP.**
- 2. If you cannot get to your unit/armory report to the nearest Guard facility.**
- 3. If you cannot get to a Guard facility report to the nearest Emergency Operations Center or Incident Command.**
- 4. Upon arrival to any location announce your status and availability. Ensure you contact your unit advise them of your location.**



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NO Time Like Now to Get Ready!



Ready.Gov PSA - "The Day Before"



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Steps to Preparation

Learn the steps to getting prepared:

- Be Informed
- Make a Plan
- Build a Kit
- Get Involved





Be Informed

Know the Risks – Know Your Area

The consequences of emergencies can be similar, but knowing the risks in your area can help you better prepare.

Types of Disasters in Louisiana:

- Hurricanes
- Flooding
- Tornadoes
- Earthquake
- Fires
- Winter Storms
- Infectious Disease
- Terrorism
- Hazardous Material Spill



<https://www.ready.gov/be-informed>



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What Could Really Happen?



- Buildings
- Utilities
- Telephones
- Stores
- Drug Stores
- Bank ATM
- Roads
- Gas stations
- Hospitals
- Airports



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Why is Preparation Important?

Have you ever thought about how to prepare for an emergency?

How would you:

- Cope without power or water?
- Take care of your pets?
- Contact your family if you were at work or school?
- Look after your family for 3 days? 7 days? 14 days?
- How would you send and receive information about what is happening?





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Make a Plan



FEMA- "Seat of Your Pants"



Planning Considerations

Special Needs:

- Unique needs
- Infants
- Disabilities
- Medical devices





Planning Considerations

Pets:

- “Pet-friendly” shelters/hotel
- Extra pet food and water
- How will you transport your pets?





Get Started – Make Steady Progress

You aren't prepared — until you make a plan.

- Use your resource checklists and forms as guides
- Photocopy your plan
- Keep copies of your plan in safe and memorable places
- Make sure everyone in the family understands the plan
- Choose an out-of-town contact person

It is only a piece of paper until you practice your plan.

FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

READY ARMY
FOR YOUR PROTECTION

Your Family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan what you will do in different situations and plan how you will contact one another.

Family Evacuation Procedure
Where the Family will meet near home: _____ Phone: _____
Alternate meeting place if access is blocked: _____ Phone: _____

Family Communications Procedure
- Fill in the information below. Add other important information to suit your Family's circumstances.
- Keep this plan with your emergency supplies kit, along with your command's standard and emergency reporting procedures.
- Ensure all Family members have the most important contact information for each other.

Where Your Family Spends Time

Work:	Work:	School:
Address: _____	Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Evac Location: _____	Evac Location: _____	Evac Location: _____
School: _____	Other: _____	Other: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Evac Location: _____	Evac Location: _____	Evac Location: _____

Contact Information
Out-of-Town Contact: _____ Phone: _____
E-mail: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Family Members

Name: _____	Birth Date: _____	SSN: _____	DL#: _____
Passport #: _____	Prescription/Medical Info: _____		
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Practice the Plan





Build a Kit

Kit Recommendations:

- Non-perishable food and water to last for at least 72 hours
- First aid kit, AM/FM radio, personal sanitation, local maps, wrench/pliers, flashlight, extra batteries, can opener
- Anticipate limited services for days or even weeks
(*electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment, and telephone service*)

Maintain your Kit:

- Store canned food in a cool, dry place
- Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers
- Change stored food and water supplies every 6 months

Store your Kit:

- Keep in designated place as you may leave your home quickly
- Keep a kit of emergency supplies in your car in case you become stranded (include jumper cables, flashlights and extra batteries, first aid kit, necessary medications, non-perishable food, and bottled water, AM/FM radio, blankets)



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Get Involved

- Join us this September for NPM
- Risk is a Shared Responsibility
- Create a Culture of Preparedness
- Turn AWARENESS into ACTION
 - At home
 - Organize your neighbors
 - they help when you are away
 - Meet your local EM
 - At work (civilian)
 - Pre-coordinate with your Commander





Religious Support in Emergencies

- Why think about religious support?
 - Churches, Synagogues, Mosques, and other places can be centers of emotional and spiritual support for those affected
 - Chaplains, pastors, priests, imams, and rabbis can help civilian population with counseling
 - Religious groups often offer meals, first aid, counseling, and other “front line” type support
 - Religious properties can also provide staging areas for military personnel and equipment (ask for permission first!)





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Remember the steps to getting prepared:

- Be Informed
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- Get Involved





Resources

- Michael Green, EM Program Coordinator
 - michael.s.green39.mil@mail.mil
- LA Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness
 - <http://gohsep.la.gov/>
- Louisiana Military Department Emergency Management Web Site
 - <http://geauxguard.la.gov/resources/emergency-management/>





Additional Resources

Website Name	Description	Link
Ready Army	Provides information on how to prepare for an emergency before, during and after an event.	http://www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/
Army Hurricane Relief Efforts	Provides facts, stories, and news updates to educate communities on preparedness techniques.	http://www.army.mil/humanitarian/hurricanes.php
Army Disaster Personnel Accountability and Assessment System (ADPAAS)	A way for Army personnel and their Families in a disaster-affected area to report their status and how they were affected by the event. Commanders can assess the impact of the disaster to provide assistance where needed.	https://adpaas.army.mil



Additional Resources

Website Name	Description	Link
FEMA's National Hurricane Program	Conducts assessments and provides tools and technical assistance to State and local agencies in developing hurricane evacuation plans.	http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/nhp/index.shtm
FEMA's Ready Campaign	Public service campaign that provides information on how to be prepared.	http://www.ready.gov/
National Hurricane Center	Provides daily updates on tropical weather patterns, warnings, and forecasts all over the country.	http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/
National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration	Daily weather forecasts, severe storm warnings and climate monitoring to fisheries management, coastal restoration and supporting marine commerce.	http://www.noaa.gov/