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Disaster Preparedness Tips



September is Disaster Preparedness Month!

Disasters can strike at any time. Are you prepared? September is recognized as Disaster Preparedness Month and there are plenty of tools available to help families prepare for the unexpected. September weather usually bridges the gap between the long days and warmer weather of summer to the shorter, colder days of fall and winter. This is also the time of year that schools begin their new year. Every family needs to have a plan to follow in case of an emergency.

Just like any plan, a disaster preparedness plan is only as good as the time and effort we put into developing and practicing it. There are many resources available to us to help establish a plan that works the best for ourselves and our families. Here are a couple:

<https://www.ready.gov/september>

<http://www.nccpc.org/topics/preparedness/tips-on-disaster-preparedness>

These websites contain information to help families put together a plan that works for them. Every family may have their own specific needs that their plan must meet.

Medical needs, pets, transportation issues, and many other factors can impact the development of a disaster preparedness plan.

The Governor's Citizen Preparedness Corps gives residents the knowledge and tools to prepare for emergencies and disasters, respond accordingly, and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. Training is conducted by New York National Guard troops alongside New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) and local emergency management personnel. These training events are held throughout the state. Contacts and further information is available on the Citizen Preparedness Corps website: <http://dmna.ny.gov/cpc/>.

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