IF DISASTER STRIKES, WILL YOU BE READY?
You can get Ready in three simple steps:

**Be Informed About Disasters**
Monitor news and weather, and identify the potential threats to your community.
- Be weather aware: have a way to receive alerts at home, at work and on-the-go
- Know appropriate responses to disasters
- Learn emergency plans and evacuation routes for your county and workplace, and ask how your child’s school communicates in a crisis

**Create an Emergency Plan**
Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan in advance.
- How will you contact and reunite with family members, even if you don’t have power?
- Where will you go if you need to evacuate?
- Plan for a variety of emergency situations

**Build a Ready Kit of Supplies**
Include basic items for survival.
- Three-day supply of non-perishable food and water
- First aid kit, flashlight and batteries
- Emergency charging option for mobile phones and devices
- NOAA weather radio
- Consider seniors, family members with special needs and pets

Visit gema.georgia.gov/plan-prepare/ready-georgia to create a customized emergency plan and learn more about getting your family Ready.
**Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Ready Kit:**

- Water: At least three gallons per person, for drinking and hygiene
- Food: At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Can opener: For food, if kit contains canned food
- Radio: Battery-powered or hand-crank NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries
- Emergency charging option for mobile phones and devices
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle: To signal for help
- Face mask: To help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties: For personal hygiene
- Wrench or pliers: To turn off utilities
- Local maps

**Additional Items to Consider Adding to a Ready Kit:**

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Extra food and water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Cash or traveler’s checks and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from Ready.gov
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider adding bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate
- Complete change of clothing. Include a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider adding clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

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