



Be Prepared-Amberley Village

Spring 2018

Build a Kit

- Water- One gallon of water, per person, per day, for at least three days
- Non-perishable food (Three-day supply)
- NOAA Weather Radio
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Whistle
- Dust mask
- Moist towelettes
- Wrench to turn off utilities
- Non-electric can opener
- Local maps
- Three-day supply of medication
- Baby supplies
- Pet supplies
- Personal documents
- Emergency contact information

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How Will You Be Notified of an Emergency?

Knowing how you will be notified of an emergency or a disaster BEFORE it happens is key to keeping you and your family members safe. Consider having more than one method of receiving alerts and warnings, including a NOAA Weather Radio, weather app, as well as local media and trusted social media accounts.

The most reliable way to receive weather alerts and warnings is to invest in a NOAA weather radio, which can be purchased online and at most hardware stores.



Do you rely on the Outdoor Warning Sirens to alert you about Tornado Warnings? Because the sirens remain outdoors, they are constantly exposed to the elements and other hazards that may cause them to malfunction. Outdoor warning sirens are intended to alert people who may be outside, to take shelter indoors and seek additional information. Sirens should not be relied upon to provide sufficient warning indoors or in noisy areas. Because the sirens

Ensure that you are able to receive weather alerts by obtaining a NOAA weather radio, tuning in to local media, enabling your phone's Wireless Emergency Alerts, or downloading an app - such as the Hamilton County EMHSA app, available on iTunes App Store and Google Play Store.



Download the EMA App!

Now you can carry preparedness in the palm of your hand! Hamilton County EMHSA has a FREE app available on the App Store and Google Play, and can be easily found when searching "Hamilton County EMA". This app has plenty of safety tips to help you and your family prepare for threats that may impact your community. The app will also send users weather alerts for Hamilton County, serving as a great notification tool!

Before you leave home for work, school, or just to run errands, check the traffic and weather features of the app, so that you are prepared for your day. COMING SOON: NOAA Weather Radio feature!



Flood Awareness & Home Protection Tips

Floods can happen any time of the year—are you prepared? Snow and ice melt after the winter can cause water seepage and even flooding, especially to low lying areas and flood-prone basements.

Protect your home and possessions from the potential of water damage by keeping drains and gutters clear of any debris or leaves. Inspect and test your sump pump to ensure it is working, so that water from snow melt or rain fall can be pumped up and away from your home. Install a sump pump with battery backup power so that you are prepared in case the power goes out in your community.

Fix any cracks in your foundation walls so that water does not have an easy entrance route into your home. In preparation for heavier Spring rainfall, consider elevating utilities, such as washing machines, dryers, and anchoring water heaters to the wall.

Home Flood Preparedness Checklist

- Install sump pump with battery backup power
- Install a backflow valve/plug
- Elevate washing machine & dryer
- Keep possessions on shelves
- Clear drains and gutters clear of leaves & debris
- Divert water away from your home, window wells & entrances to your basement.
- Contact your insurance agent & learn more about flood insurance



Severe Weather Awareness Week

Severe Weather Awareness Week in Hamilton County is **March 18-24, 2018**. Learn the weather threats and hazards that impact Hamilton County by connecting with Hamilton County EMHSA on social media (Twitter, Facebook, and Nextdoor).

Hamilton County EMHSA will be hosting the Third Annual Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest for 4th and 5th grade students across the county. Learn more about entering your student in the contest by visiting:

www.hcready.org/severeweatherawarenessweek.

