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Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee Announces September is National Preparedness Month

Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) is recognizing September 2020 as National Preparedness Month and urging Tennesseans to get prepared for disasters.

“We have seen how vital emergency awareness, information, and preparedness can be in keeping our citizens and communities safe,” said Tennessee Governor Bill Lee. “Have a plan, keep an emergency kit stocked, and follow the instructions of local officials in emergencies are simple measures all Tennesseans can take to be ready for disasters.”

“The time to prepare is now to ensure ourselves and our families are ready for emergencies,” said Patrick Sheehan, director of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency. “National Preparedness Month is an opportunity for all individuals to take meaningful action and be active partners in disaster readiness.”

Disaster planning during the coronavirus pandemic will be the key theme of National Preparedness Month with different topics, such as youth preparedness and building an emergency kit, highlighted each week in September. The planning topics include:

Week 1, Sept. 1 to Sept. 5: [Make A Plan](#)

Week 2, Sept. 6 to Sept. 12: [Build A Kit](#)

Week 3, Sept. 13 to Sept. 19: [Prepare for Disasters](#)

Week 4, Sept. 20 to Sept. 26: [Teach Youth About Preparedness](#)

More information on emergency plans and preparedness can be found at www.ready.gov, with sections that include [family emergency communication plans](#) and [emergency plans for kids](#).

About the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency: TEMA's mission is to coordinate preparedness, response and recovery from man-made, natural and technological hazards in a professional and efficient manner in concert with our stakeholders. Follow TEMA on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#), and, at www.tn.gov/tema.

About National Preparedness Month: National Preparedness Month (NPM) is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster planning now and throughout the year. Visit their website at www.Ready.gov.

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