



COMPLIMENTS OF DAMASCUS
TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT



EMERGENCY NATURAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

GUIDE TO INFORMATION AND ONLINE RESOURCES

WHAT WILL YOU DO IN AN EMERGENCY?
The best way to **STAY SAFE** is to **BE PREPARED**.

TOP 10 CAUSES OF DISASTERS

- FLOODS
- FIRES
- WINTER STORMS
- TROPICAL STORMS
- TORNADOES
- THUNDERSTORMS
- INFLUENZA (FLU) | COVID PANDEMIC
- HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INCIDENTS
- EARTHQUAKES AND LANDSLIDES
- NUCLEAR THREAT
- DAM FAILURES
- TERRORISM



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TO THE
**DAMASCUS
TOWNSHIP
WEBSITE**

Prepare. Plan. Stay Informed!



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8. Soap, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes to disinfect surfaces.
9. Prescription medications. Organize and protect your prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, and vitamins to prepare for an emergency.
10. Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives.
11. Prescription eyeglasses and contact lens solution.
12. Infant formula, bottles, diapers, wipes and diaper rash cream.
13. Pet food (non-perishable) and extra water for your pet for at least 3 days.
14. Cash or traveler's checks.
15. Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records saved electronically or in a waterproof, portable container.
16. Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person.
17. Complete change of clothing appropriate for your climate and sturdy shoes.
18. Fire extinguisher.
19. Matches in a waterproof container.
20. Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items.
21. Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils.
22. Paper and pencil.
23. Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children.
24. Local maps.

Since you do not know where you will be when an emergency occurs, prepare supplies for home, work and cars.

HOME: Keep this kit in a designated place and have it ready in case you have to leave your home quickly. Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept.

WORK: Be prepared to shelter at work for at least 24 hours. Your work kit should include food, water and other necessities like medicines, as well as comfortable walking shoes, stored in a "grab and go" case.

CAR: In case you are stranded, keep a kit of emergency supplies in your car.



WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO GET FIRST-AID TRAINING.

EVACUATE

IF told by officials to **EVACUATE** you will be directly contacted by emergency personnel such as firefighters, police, volunteers or employees designated by the township.

- Prepare an evacuation plan including the route you will take. **ACT IMMEDIATELY!** The window of time is short.
- Keep a **HALF TANK OF GAS** in your vehicle at all times.
- Have a pre-determined destination for all family members **OR** go directly to our **TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY CENTER—DAMASCUS SCHOOL. SIGN IN!**
- Plan how you will **STAY IN TOUCH.**
- Plan where/how to evacuate **PETS** and other animals.
- **KEEP A NEIGHBORHOOD CONTACT LIST** in case others need help.
- **REMEMBER** to address special needs, prescriptions, baby needs, etc.
- **ALWAYS HAVE A "GO BAG" READY!**

SHELTER IN PLACE

IF told to shelter in place this means "**STAY OFF THE ROADS**". Keep your vehicle home for your safety and your neighbors' safety. Emergency vehicles must be able to get through until the emergency is over.

BE PREPARED FOR BOTH SITUATIONS.



If you are under a tornado or severe weather WARNING:

- Go to NOAA Weather Radio and your local news or official social media accounts for updated emergency information. Follow the instructions of state, local and tribal officials.
- Go to a safe shelter immediately, such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar or a small interior room on the lowest level of a sturdy building.
- Stay away from windows, doors, and outside walls.
- Do not go under an overpass or bridge. You're safer in a low, flat location.
- Watch out for flying debris that can cause injury or death.
- Use your arms to protect your head and neck.
- If you can't stay at home, make plans to go to a public shelter.



PETS

To prepare for the unexpected follow these tips with your pets in mind: Always bring pets indoors at the first sign or warning of a storm or disaster.

EMERGENCY KIT FOR YOUR PET:

Food • Water • Medicine • First Aid Kit • Collar with ID tag and a harness or leash.

- Traveling bag, crate or sturdy carrier.
- Sanitation needs.
- A picture of you and your pet together.

TIPS FOR LARGE ANIMALS:

If you have pets such as horses, goats or pigs on your property, be sure to prepare before a disaster.

- Ensure all animals have some form of identification.
- Evacuate animals earlier, whenever possible. Map out primary and secondary routes in advance.
- Make available vehicles and trailers needed for transporting and supporting each type of animal. *Also make available experienced handlers and drivers.*
- Ensure destinations have food, water, veterinary care and handling equipment.
- If evacuation is not possible, animal owners must decide whether to move large animals to a barn or turn them loose outside.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

PAVILION

BOOK FOR YOUR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

PLAYGROUND

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

To reserve the Pavilion for special events contact the Township office at 570-224-4410.

Playground and Amphitheater are open to the public.



Wayne County Alert Center

Alert Center allows you to **view all alerts and emergencies in your area**. If there are alerts or emergencies, they will be listed below by category. To be instantly notified of alerts and emergencies subscribe to Notify Me® or RSS.

www.waynecountypa.gov/AlertCenter



Special Needs/Circumstances

To support people with **special needs and circumstances** Wayne County 911 can provide a "SPECIAL PROJECT FORM" to list your contact and household member information.

It is available by calling 570-253-5970, ext 1915. *Download from the township or county website. More information:* www.ready.gov/disability



READY offers information and materials in **languages other than English**. You can learn more about how to prepare before, during and after disasters, including making an emergency plan, building an emergency supply kit and preparing for individual hazards. www.ready.gov/ready-your-language



Become familiar with your risk of floods and flood-related hazards before they occur. www.fema.gov/flood-maps/know-your-risk



Severe weather can happen anytime, in any part of the country. Severe weather can include hazardous conditions produced by thunderstorms, including damaging winds, tornadoes, large hail, flooding and flash flooding, and winter storms associated with freezing rain, sleet, snow and strong winds. www.ready.gov/severe-weather



Attacks in Crowded and Public Spaces. Take steps to prepare and protect yourself and help others in the event of a mass attack.

- 1. Stay alert.** Always be aware of your environment and any possible dangers.
 - 2. If you see something, say something** to local authorities. That includes suspicious packages, people behaving strangely or someone using strange communications.
 - 3. Observe warning signs.** Signs might include unusual or violent communications, substance abuse, expressed anger or intent to cause harm. These warning signs may increase over time.
 - 4. Have an exit plan.** Identify exits and areas to hide wherever you go, including work, school and special events.
- www.ready.gov/public-spaces



Please consider **VOLUNTEERING** for your local Fire Company and EMS provider. In Damascus we have three volunteer fire companies and one EMS Corps that are always looking for help. Contact information:

Beach Lake Fire Company-570-729-7779

Welcome Lake Fire Company-570-729-7331

Equinunk Fire Company-570-224-4446

Damascus Township Ambulance Corp-570-224-4552



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WHY PREPARE NOW FOR EMERGENCIES? YOUR SAFETY!

EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS ARE SCARY!

YOU CAN BE READY BEFORE THEY HAPPEN

The Wayne County Alert System, local TV and radio stations and the NOAA weather warnings, will provide the information necessary to know whether to evacuate or shelter in place. Remember to subscribe to an emergency notification system.

Contact the township for a current list and use the websites provided in this brochure.

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WHY PROVIDE THIS GUIDE?

Your township encourages you to learn more about how to prepare before, during and after disasters, including making an emergency plan, building an emergency supply kit and preparing for individual hazards. This new guide will help!

DAMASCUS TOWNSHIP RESIDENT

After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for several days. An **EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT** is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.



Download the FEMA app and get weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five different locations anywhere in the United States.



KNOW what emergency/disasters could affect your home/area, which could call for an evacuation, and when to shelter in place, and plan what you need to do in both cases.

KEEP a NOAA Weather Radio tuned to your local emergency station and monitor TV and radio for warnings about severe weather in your area.



EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

To assemble your kit, store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag.

1. Water (one gallon per person per day for several days, for drinking and sanitation).
2. Food (at least a several-day supply of non-perishable food).
3. Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert.
4. Flashlight • First Aid Kit • Extra batteries • Whistle (to signal for help) • Dust mask (to help filter contaminated air) • Plastic sheeting and duct tape (to shelter in place) • Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation).
5. Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities).
6. Manual can opener (for food).
7. Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery.

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