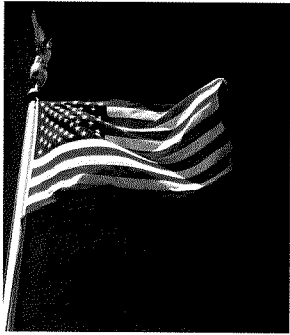


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**Did you know?**

**The top 10 causes of disasters are:**

- Floods
- Fires
- Winter storms
- Tropical storms, tornadoes, thunderstorms
- Influenza (flu) pandemic
- Hazardous material incidents
- Earthquakes and landslides
- Nuclear threat
- Dam failures
- Terrorism



**What will you do in an emergency?**

The best way to stay safe is to be prepared.

Let's take a look at what you can do.

Disasters are scary. But you can be ready before they happen.

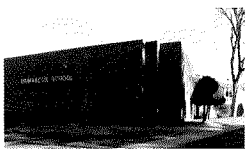
The Wayne County Alert System, local TV and radio stations and the NOAA weather warnings, will provide the information necessary to know whether to evacuate or shelter in place. Remember to subscribe to an emergency notification system. Contact the township for a current list and use the websites provided in this brochure.

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.

Be prepared for both situations. Follow these recommendations:

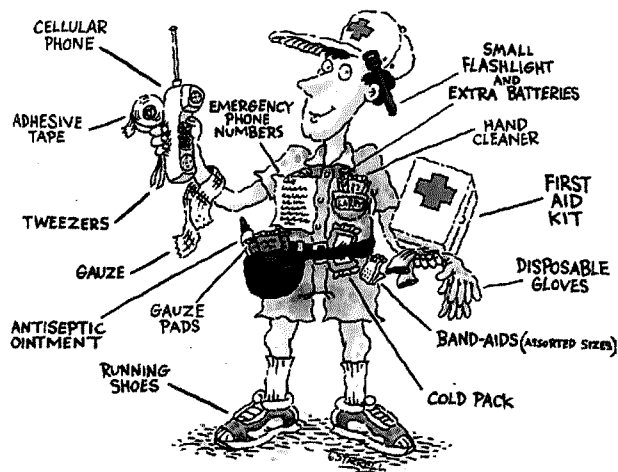
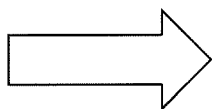
#### EVACUATE!

- 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. Remember to sign in.

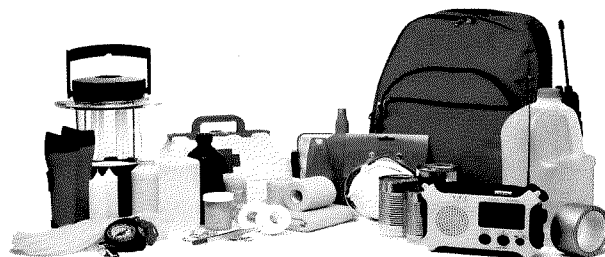
- Plan how you will stay in touch.
- Plan where and how to evacuate pets and other animals.
- Keep a neighborhood contact list in case others need help.
- Remember to address special needs, prescriptions, baby needs, etc.
- Always have a "go bag" ready!



**SHELTER IN PLACE** 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.

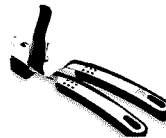
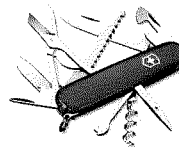
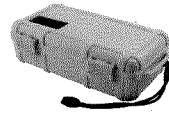
#### SHELTER IN PLACE!

- Tune in to your local radio station: WDNH 95.3, WVOS 95.9, WSUL 98.3, WJFF 90.5, WDNB 102.1, WYCY 105.3  
WVOS AM 1240
- Keep bottled water and food for at least 3 days and a stocked First Aid kit. Remember to include your pets' needs.
- Have enough batteries for radios and flashlights.
- Have extra clothing, blankets, rain gear plus useful non-electric tools.
- Have a water/fire proof safe for recent photos of family members and pets, documents, copies of the cards in your wallet.
- Make sure all family members know what to do and are accounted for.



Some of the most important items you can have on hand besides bottled water and non perishable food for three days are things like:

- A water/fire safe container with important documents including copies of insurance, cards and licenses in your wallet plus pet records
- A list of allergies, your prescription medications in original containers with pharmacy labels, medical alert bracelets
- Stocked first aid kit
- Cash on hand
- Multi-purpose utility knife/tool
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Non-electric can opener
- Battery powered radio
- Personal hygiene items, extra indoor/outdoor clothing, blankets
- Sturdy foot gear



\*To support people with special needs/circumstances:

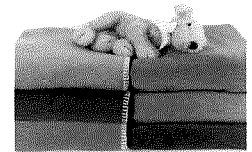
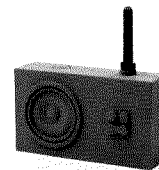
Wayne County 911 can provide a "Special Project Form" to list your contact and household member information. It is available by calling:

Shannon Gill

CAD/911 Administrator,  
at 570 253-5970, ext. 1915 or  
email:

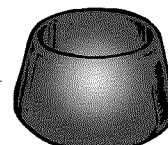
[sgill2@waynecountypa.gov](mailto:sgill2@waynecountypa.gov)

It can also be downloaded from the township or county website.



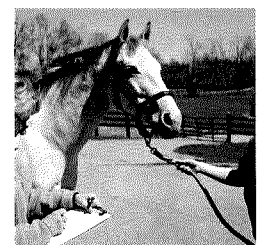
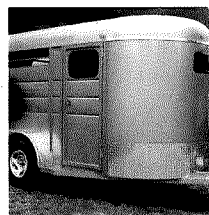
For pets:

Have carriers, food and bowls handy, plan where they'll go during a necessary separation, leave a sign on your door or high enough to be seen if you must leave them behind.



For large animals:

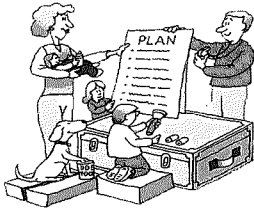
Have a plan in place for transport and a destination out of the affected area. Make sure to have vaccination and health papers ready if crossing state lines. Designate friends or neighbors to help.





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**For more information about preparing a family emergency plan, what to include in a home emergency kit, important items for people with special needs, children, adults, seniors and pets, go to :**

**Www.ReadyPA.org ( ask for the "Pennsylvania Emergency Preparedness Guide")**

**"Ready Notify Wayne"** is a free service provided by Wayne County Emergency Management and the Northeast Pennsylvania Regional Counter Terrorism Task Force. To sign up for email and text alerts for pending severe weather and flood emergencies, register at: <https://wayne.alertpa.org>

For up to date weather information: [www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)

For updates on Delaware River flood stages: [www.waterdata.usgs.gov](http://www.waterdata.usgs.gov) (remember to type in your location)

For updates on Cannonsville dam safety: [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov)

For downed power lines and outages: [www.ppl.com](http://www.ppl.com), 570 342-5775

For general information about disasters and recovery: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

***Each type of disaster comes with its own specific dangers. Educate yourself about how to prevent personal harm from each one. In its 2012 "Personal Preparedness In America National Survey", FEMA found that 63% of people recalled receiving preparedness information, 35% took action after receiving it, 3/4 of which made kits. Only 3 out of 10 made a plan. Let's improve those statistics by talking to neighbors, attending community, school and workplace trainings, taking CPR courses and asking for more information from the above websites. Your township, county and state are great places to start.***