

PREPAREDNESS

DELAWARE COUNTY EMA



Delaware County Emergency Management Agency encourages residents to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. Our goal is to increase public awareness concerning the importance of preparing for emergencies and to persuade residents to take action.

- ✓ Being prepared includes having food, water and necessary medicines in your home to allow for you and your family to survive at least three days in the event of a disaster. Addressing and planning for emergencies such as ice storms, dam inundation or hazardous materials incidents that may cause residents to evacuate or shelter-in-place.
- ✓ Familiarize yourself and your family with the best way to receive communications in an emergency.
- ✓ Learn about generator safety and follow best practices when using alternate heat and light sources.
- ✓ Mitigate situations around your home. For example, if there is a large branch that hangs over your house that could fall and cause damage to your home during an ice or wind storm, you could investigate the potential of having that removed prior to it causing damage.

There are many ways to prepare for disasters. Preparedness is part of the four phases of emergency management that help Delaware County Emergency Management Agency achieve our main goal of saving lives, preventing injuries and protecting property and the environment from 'All Hazards' – Natural, Manmade or Terrorism. Visit the Delaware County EMA website for more details on how you can be prepared! www.delcoema.org

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•Mitigation is preventing future emergency situations or minimizing the effects. Mitigation should take place before and after emergencies.

•Preparedness is being ready for anything. Preparedness takes place before an emergency occurs.

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•Response is actions taken to save lives and prevent any property damage. Response activities take place during an emergency.

•Recovery is working to return to a normal and/or safe situation following an emergency. Recovery takes place after an emergency.

RESPONSE

RECOVERY