



**GWINNETT COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND
EMERGENCY SERVICES AND**
***Fire Station #4 - Proudly Serving
Peachtree Corners***

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

(September, 2016) The month of September is recognized as National Preparedness Month.

Now is the time to make sure your family is prepared for all types of emergency situations. The Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Gwinnett County Office of Emergency Management and FEMA Ready.Gov, offers the following tips for keeping your home and family safe.

- **Be Informed** – Stay informed about disasters and potential hazards that exist in the community
- **Make a Plan** – Develop an Emergency Plan
- **Build a Kit** – Create your own “Ready Kit” for disaster preparedness
- **Get Involved** – Support the efforts of disaster preparedness in your community

According to public safety professionals, making a plan and creating a ready kit are essential to being prepared when emergencies or disasters strike. You should also update personal contact information with schools, work, family and friends. For help with developing an Emergency Plan, please visit the FEMA Ready.Gov website at www.ready.gov/september or the Gwinnett County Office of Emergency Management at

<https://www.gwinnettcounty.com/portal/gwinnett/Departments/Police/EmergencyManagement>

READY KIT RECOMMENDED ITEMS:

Water	1-gallon per person per day for three-days
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Food	At least a 3-day supply or more of nonperishable food
Chargers	For mobile devices
Flashlight	And extra batteries
First Aid Kit	For minor medical situations
Whistle	To signal for help
Face Mask	To filter contaminated air
Moist Towelettes	For personal hygiene - Also trash bags and plastic ties
Additional Items May Include:	Prescription medications, eye glasses, infant formula and diapers, sleeping bag, change of clothing, matches in a waterproof container, books/magazines, cash or travelers checks and pet food

