

DISASTER DISPATCH

Anne Arundel County Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
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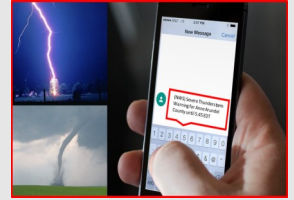
PREPARE FOR SUMMER WEATHER HAZARDS

BE AWARE OF ACTIVE WEATHER ALERTS: Know before you go

The National Weather Service issues several types of alerts for excessive heat, flooding, severe thunderstorms, tropical cyclones, and high wind. Learn more [here](#).

WATCH: Conditions favorable for severe weather - **BE PREPARED!**

WARNING: Severe weather is occurring - **TAKE ACTION!**



THUNDERSTORMS: Adjust your outdoor plans if needed

In any thunderstorm, be prepared for high wind, flooding, lightning strikes

Severe Thunderstorms: winds 58+ MPH. quarter-sized hail, potential tornadoes

LIGHTNING: Can strike 10 miles from a storm and 30 minutes before and after
Avoid the danger - **If thunder roars...go indoors!**

Get in a sturdy building with plumbing or a metal topped car with windows rolled up



FLOODING: Avoid driving except in emergencies

If told to evacuate to higher ground, do so immediately

Never drive around high water barricades

Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. **Turn Around...Don't Drown!**

TORNADOES: May be hidden within a storm with no visible funnel cloud

Get In! Shelter in a sturdy building

Get down! Basement or ground floor windowless space in building center

Cover up! Avoid flying debris, cover yourself, especially your head



HIGH WINDS: Be prepared for bridge closures

Secure loose objects

If driving, slow down and keep both hands on the wheel

Expect fallen trees and power outages

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

ALL EMERGENCIES: CALL 9-1-1

COVID-19 Health Line
410-222-7256

Police (non-emergency)
410-222-8050

Fire (non-emergency)
410-222-8300

BGE Power Outages
877-778-2222

Aging & Disabilities
410-222-4257

Animal Care & Control
410-222-8900

Community Engagement
& Constituent Services
410-222-1785

Crisis Warm Line
410-768-5522

Emergency Management
410-222-0600

Health Department
410-222-7095

Health/Food Warm Line
410-222-FOOD (3663)

Inspections & Permits
410-222-7790

Office of Transportation
410-222-0022

Public Schools
410-222-5000

Public Works (utilities)
410-222-8400

Public Works (roads)
410-222-6120

Sheriff's Office
410-222-1571

Social Services
410-269-8400

FROM THE DIRECTOR: MEETING EVOLVING CHALLENGES

As the Director of Emergency Management for Anne Arundel County, I have the privilege to work with many great partners to maintain a comprehensive emergency management program to serve all our residents. The program continues to evolve as the demographics of our communities change, and the threats we face (like COVID, cyberattacks, and climate change) expand.



Preeti Emrick
JD, CHEC
Director

To save lives, prevent injury, protect property, and preserve the environment in a disaster, the Office of Emergency Management:

- Develops plans and procedures to ensure the highest levels of prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.
- Coordinates agencies, communities, nonprofits, volunteers, and businesses prior to, during and after a disaster. This includes assisting underserved communities and residents.
- Maintains a comprehensive, risk-based, multi-hazard threat awareness and emergency management training program.
- Conducts a variety of exercises designed to evaluate and improve the County's abilities to respond and rapidly recover from a disaster.

Most importantly, emergency management begins at home, with you and your family. I encourage residents to follow these steps to be better prepared for any disaster:

- Plan Ahead – Establish a family communication, evacuation, and shelter-in-place plan. Be prepared for unique medical needs.
- Stay informed – Sign-up for our emergency mass notification system, Alert Anne Arundel, to rapidly receive severe weather alerts, emergency warning, and other public safety alerts.
- Build a Kit – Be prepared for at least 72 hours with food, water, medications, and basic supplies for your family and pets.
- Get Involved – Learn First Aid and CPR, volunteer to support your community, and serve as a good example.

To learn more, please contact the Office of Emergency Management at oem@aacounty.org or call 410-222-0600.

Preeti Emrick, JD, CHEC

PLAN FOR THE 2021 HURRICANE SEASON



- Atlantic Hurricane Season: June 1 - November 30, 2021
- Predicted to have above normal tropical cyclone activity
- The Pandemic will continue to impact planning for hurricane season

STEP 1: PLAN AHEAD

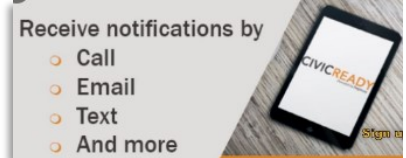
- ☑ Know the **RISKS**: [hurricanes](#), [flooding](#), [tornadoes](#), [COVID-19](#)
- ☑ [PREPARE YOUR HOME](#): repairs, insurance, etc.
- ☑ Prepare to [SHELTER-IN-PLACE](#) at home for 3 days
- ☑ Consider any [SPECIAL NEEDS](#) of household members
- ☑ Build a [SUPPORT NETWORK](#) family, neighbors, etc.
- ☑ Make a [COMMUNICATIONS PLAN](#) for your family
- ☑ Are you in an [EVACUATION ZONE](#)?
- ☑ Consider [EVACUATION PLANS](#)
- ☑ Include your [PETS](#) in emergency plans
- ☑ Know steps to take [AFTER THE STORM](#)

Click on highlights for more information



STEP 2: STAY INFORMED

- ☑ Subscribe to immediate alerts at alertannearundel.civically.com
- ☑ Monitor [NOAA Weather Radio](#)
- ☑ Monitor [weather alerts](#) on radio and television



STEP 3: BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT

- ☑ Water: 1 gal per person per day, for at least 3 days (including pets)
- ☑ Food: 3+ days non-perishable food
- ☑ Baby/infant supplies and food, if applicable
- ☑ Battery or hand-crank radio, extra batteries
- ☑ Flashlight or headlamp, extra batteries
- ☑ Family first aid kit
- ☑ Washable cloth face masks
- ☑ Personal hygiene/sanitation items
- ☑ Prescription medicine, glasses, hearing aids
- ☑ Photo ID and important documents in waterproof bag
- ☑ Cell phone with charger
- ☑ Whistle to signal for help
- ☑ Manual can opener for canned food
- ☑ Cash or travelers checks

STEP 4: GET INVOLVED

- ☑ Take a First Aid, CPR/AED, and Stop the Bleed class
- ☑ Request a preparedness presentation at oemoutreach@aacounty.org or call 410-222-0600
- ☑ Keep a watchful eye on older adults, individuals with disabilities, or chronically ill neighbors

LEARN MORE: www.aacounty.org/OEM

HOT CAR SAFETY TIPS

Don't leave children or pets unattended in a vehicle. If you see a child in a hot vehicle, call 9-1-1.

Lock your car to ensure your children don't have access to keys. Tell them to not play in vehicles.

Keep your purse, briefcase, or cell phone in the back seat as a reminder you have your child in the car.

Missing child: check your car first!

CONTACT US

Please give us a call or send an email if you have questions or need more information.

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