



PREPARE...PLAN...STAY INFORMED!
All Hazard Preparedness for Logan County Residents

A variety of severe weather conditions can affect people living in Logan County such as floods, flash floods, tornadoes, hailstorms, strong winds, thunder and lightning, extreme heat and power outages. Typically, these hazards occur during the months of March through August, but have been known to happen during any season of the year. The Logan County Health District encourages residents to be prepared for hazardous weather. Planning ahead and knowing what to do in case of a disaster or emergency event can greatly reduce the risk of injury, death and/or property loss.

The National Weather Service identifies severe weather events using three categories: storm warnings, watches and advisories.

A weather warning indicates that a dangerous weather event is imminent.

Immediate action must be taken to protect life and property. Depending on the storm, take shelter in a “safe zone” or evacuate immediately.

A weather watch indicates that the conditions exist for a dangerous weather event.

People are advised to prepare for the event, listen to a weather radio or local news source for up-to-date information, including upgrades to a storm warning. Be ready to act if hazardous conditions develop.

Advisories are for conditions less serious than warnings. Caution is recommended when traveling outdoors during an advisory and residents should stay connected to a news source to monitor changing weather conditions.

Tornados

Prepare a Home Tornado Plan. Pick an uncluttered, windowless place in your home that is on the lowest level. The safest place is in the basement under a staircase. If you live in a mobile home, locate a shelter in the nearest stable building. All members of your household should know where to stay safe in the event of a tornado warning. Protect your home against high winds by removing diseased or damaged limbs from trees, securing lawn furniture or ornaments that could become missiles if picked up by strong winds.

Floods

Prepare a Home Flood Plan. Mitigate your property as much as possible to prepare for high waters. Move furniture to higher areas and remove floor coverings. You can determine your home’s flood risk by contacting the Ohio Department of Natural Resources’ Floodplain



Management Division. Decide in advance where you will go in the event of an emergency evacuation. Establish a contact person in a safe area to contact once you reach your destination. Do not drive through flooded roadways. Continue listening to a local news source for up-to-date weather information and evacuation instructions. For well decontamination directions refer to the website: www.loganhealth.org.



Power Outages

Have a "land line" telephone that does not require electricity as cordless phones do. Purchase a high-quality surge protector for your computer and electronic equipment. Know how to open your garage door manually if you have an electric garage door opener. Do not be left in the dark; prepare now for power outages and emergency events.

Make a kit that will sustain you and your family for at least three days, 72 hours. Keep supplies in easy-to-carry container(s) that you can use at home or take with you in case of evacuation. Below find a list of supplies for an emergency preparedness kit:

- Water - One gallon per person per day for 3 days
- Food - Nonperishable, easy-to-prepare items
- Flashlight or battery-operated lantern
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply)
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and contact information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket(s) or sleeping bags
- Map(s) of the area



Consider any special needs of family members and add supplies to your kit to help meet these additional needs. Suggested items include:

- Medical supplies (hearing aids, extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- Games and activities for children
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl, shot records)

- Two-way radios
- Extra set of car and house keys
- Manual can opener

Additional supplies to keep at home or in your kit based on the types of disasters common to the Logan County area:

- Whistle
- Surgical masks
- Matches
- Rain gear
- Towels
- Work gloves
- Tools - supplies for securing home/turning off utilities
- Extra clothing (include hats, sturdy shoes)
- Plastic sheeting, duct tape, scissors
- Household liquid bleach



Logan County has a **Code Red** system in place and registered residents can receive alerts during hazardous conditions. Residents can also indicate when they register if special assistance is required during critical events. To register for Code Red alerts, access the Logan County homepage at: <http://co.logan.oh.us> or contact the Logan County Emergency Management Agency at 937-593-5743. For additional information on severe weather safety and preparedness, visit the Ready Ohio website, www.ready.gov, the American Red Cross at www.redcross.org or the Committee for Severe Weather Awareness website at www.weathersafety.ohio.gov.