



# MAFB EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS BULLETIN

September 2023

## Upcoming Issues:

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## National Preparedness Month Week 2

National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. The 2023 theme is "Preparing for Older Adults"



Week 1: 5-11 September – Preparing for older adults

Week 2: 12-18 September – low cost no coat prep

Week 3: 19-25 September – Sheltering for hazards

Week 4: 26-30 September – General preparedness

For the entire month of September the Emergency Management office will have a table in front of our office (Located at Bldg. 1154 Rm. 122, Across from the BX) with various handouts and guides. Feel free to come and grab items as you need or want. You can also stop by the BX the week of Sep 11-15 and we will have a table there during that time. If you are more of a digital person you can also obtain resources from [https://](https://www.beready.af.mil/)

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**Apps for smartphones:**  
**(Both Apps available for Android/Apple)**

**FEMA App:**  
Stay updated with severe weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations across the U.S. The FEMA App is also available in Spanish.

**The Red Cross Emergency app:** combines more than 35 different types of severe weather and emergency alerts. You can choose the alerts that are important to your location or the location of loved ones. The "Family Safe" feature allows you to notify loved ones that an alert has been issued in their area and check to see if they are safe. All content is also available in Spanish.

There are many things you can do to be prepared in ways that cost little to no money. One of the most important things you can do is to have some way to stay informed.

**Phone Applications:**

There are many types of applications you can get for your phones to use to get weather and emergency updates to stay informed and aware. Apps like NOAA, Weather Channel, FEMA, Red Cross etc. (See side panel for more info)

**Wireless Emergency Alerts:**

These are short emergency messages from authorized federal, state, local, tribal and territorial public alerting authorities that can be broadcast from cell towers to any WEA enabled mobile

device in a locally targeted area. WEAs can be sent by state and local public safety officials, the National Weather Service, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the President of the United States.

**Weather radios:**

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations that broadcast continuous weather information from the nearest National Weather Service office based on your physical location. Can get these at most retailers Online or In- Store. They come in several styles and power options. (examples shown in photo below)



In the United States, the main agencies that warn of natural disasters are the **National Weather Service** (NWS) and the **US Geological Survey** (USGS).

**Weather Watch:** Conditions are favorable for a hazard to develop or move in. Stay Informed. (Example we have all the ingredients for a meal)

**Weather Warning:** A hazardous event is occurring or imminent. Take immediate action. (We have a meal)

**Additional App:**

The Weather Channel App: Tracks weather and provides local forecasts and push alerts of severe weather to your mobile device.

**Emergency Management Office Contact:**  
**42ces.cex@us.af.mil**  
**334-953-7481**

Having an emergency fund as well can be an important aspect of being prepared.

**Save money for a rainy day:**

It is recommended by many saving a starter emergency fund of \$1,000 first. Then, once you're out of debt, it's time to beef up that amount and save three to six months of expenses in a fully funded emergency fund.

Keeping your home and property insured is also another important thing to do. Insurance can help you in the long run.

**Document your property and safeguarding records:**

Regardless of the type of coverage you buy, maintaining a detailed inventory of your property's contents will assist you if a disaster strikes. Your inventory will help you prove the value of what you owned, which could speed your claim processing, and will provide documentation for tax deductions you can claim for your losses

**Understand your options for coverage:**

Homeowner, Renter's, Business and all the areas each covers such as Personal Property, Loss-of-Use, Personal Liability, Medical Protection and more.

**Ensure you have appropriate insurance for relevant hazards:**

Most homeowner and business insurance policies do not cover damage from earthquakes and floods. If you are in an area that has natural disasters of any type, then make sure you check if they are covered.

**Build your emergency supply kit over time.**

Start with items you may already have in your home, like a flashlight, extra batteries, copies of important documents, water and non-perishable food. When you go to the grocery store, you can pick up an extra item each time that you use regularly, especially if it's on sale! Community food banks are a potential resource for food-insecure families to stock their emergency supply kits.

