

The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency is encouraging residents to prepare for emergencies and provided the following tips that township officials can share with their residents:

Preparing for emergencies doesn't have to be overwhelming. Here are 12 simple steps you can take to ensure that you and your family are ready for whatever comes your way:

1. **Make a Plan:** Create an emergency plan for your family, including communication methods and meeting spots.
2. **Build a Kit:** Assemble a supply kit with essentials like water, food, and first aid.
3. **Stay Informed:** Sign up for local alerts and make sure your phone can receive emergency notifications.
4. **Prepare for Evacuations:** Know your evacuation routes and where you can go, including plans for pets.
5. **Secure Important Documents:** Keep important documents safe and consider making digital copies.
6. **Check Your Insurance:** Review your insurance policies to make sure you're covered for disasters.
7. **Strengthen Your Home:** Take steps to protect your home, like securing heavy furniture and reinforcing doors.
8. **Plan for Family Needs:** Consider special needs for children, older adults, and family members with disabilities.
9. **Prepare for Power Outages:** Have backup power sources for medical devices and know how to keep medications safe.
10. **Educate Your Family:** Make sure everyone in your household knows the emergency plan and how to use the supplies.
11. **Get Involved in Your Community:** Join or start a local preparedness group to help your community be ready.
12. **Practice Your Plan:** Regularly review and practice your emergency plan so everyone knows what to do.

For more details and additional resources, visit [here](#). Taking these small steps now can make a big difference in keeping your family safe!