

# Takoma Park

## Emergency Preparedness Committee

*By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.* ~Benjamin Franklin

# Make a Plan You Can Count On



How many families in Takoma Park have an emergency plan? Is your family unprepared and/or vulnerable to harm? Creating an emergency plan doesn't have to be overwhelming. Start with the basics. It's as simple as 1, 2, 3, 4!



## 1. KIT

Create a Disaster Supplies Kit that includes water, nonperishable food, flashlights, blankets, kid-friendly activities and comfort items etc. Store the kit in an easily-accessible area, update its contents regularly and explain to family members when and how the kit should be used.

Where are you going to store your disaster supplies kit?

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## 2 MEET-UP LOCATIONS

Make a family plan that includes home evacuation routes, safe rooms and two meet-up locations. One location should be nearby (such as a lamppost or street corner) and the other further away from the home (such as a relative's house or community center). Make a plan to Shelter-in-Place.

What are your two meet-up locations?

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## 3 EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Every family member should be equipped with emergency contact information, a local contact and an out-of-town contact. Help family members learn different ways to communicate during an emergency and memorize important emergency phone numbers and emails.

Who are the three emergency contacts your family should know how to contact?

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## 4 EVERYONE

Ensure your emergency plan meets the needs of everyone in the family, including children, seniors and those with disabilities or access and functional needs. Consider the role your family can play in assisting elderly neighbors or those with special needs. Discuss the plan with all family members and in-home caregivers so that everyone will know what to do in an emergency.

Does your plan meet the needs of everyone in the family, as well as friends or frequent visitors?

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### Roads & Services May Be Impacted

- Public transportation may not be operating, including public and private wheelchair transport services or para-transits. Routes and schedules may be changed.
- Roads may be damaged or blocked. Road signs may be down.
- Traffic lights and walking signals used to cross the street may not be working properly, or at all. This can disrupt cues used to cross the street.
- Travel time may be longer because of detours and added traffic.