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## **Centerville encourages citizens to participate in National Preparedness Month**

The City of Centerville reminds citizens to be prepared for an emergency situation. September is National Preparedness Month. Sponsored by the Ready Campaign, prepare for an emergency event that could cause you to be self-reliant for three days without utilities and electricity, water service, access to a grocery store or local services, and possibly without response from police, fire or rescue.

- Make a family emergency communication plan and include your pets.
- Identify an out of town emergency contact to coordinate information with family/friends.
- Keep an emergency kit wherever you spend time: home, car, work etc.
- Download the FEMA app and set up local alerts.
- Listen to local officials by radio, TV, or social media and take action.
- Practice your preparedness plans with a drill or exercise.
- Take time to learn lifesaving skills – such as CPR and first aid, check your insurance policies and coverage for the hazards you may face, such as flood, earthquakes and tornados.
- Consider the costs associated with disasters and save for an emergency.
- Know how to take practical safety steps like shutting off water and gas.

Emergency preparedness information is available at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) and [ready.gov](http://ready.gov). In case of a citywide emergency, citizens are encouraged to tune radios to 107.3 FM, WCWT as well as visit the City's website and Facebook page.

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