



## The Town of North East Recognizes April As Maryland Flood Awareness Month

North East, Maryland is joining the statewide effort to educate residents and businesses about flood risk and flood insurance. "Flooding is the most common and costly natural hazard in the United States."

April is a great month to make a plan for flooding. We urge our residents and business owners not to be caught off guard and to plan now for potential flooding. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, just one inch of water in a structure can cause up to \$25,000 in damage.

The first step to reducing the impacts of a flood is knowing your risk. You don't have to live near the water for your home or business to flood. Maryland residents and business owners can learn more about their flood risk by searching their address on MD Flood Maps [www.mdfloodmaps.net](http://www.mdfloodmaps.net)

What will you do in case of an emergency? Visit [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) for tips on making an emergency plan.

### **Small steps can make a big impact. Consider the following:**

- ✓ Store important documents. Save copies of birth certificates, passports, medical records, and insurance papers in a safe, dry place. Keep original documents in a watertight safety deposit box.
- ✓ Take photos and videos of household items. Keep them in a safe place if you need to file an insurance claim.
- ✓ Call your insurance agent and see if you are covered for flood damage. Most renters and homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding. Learn more about flood insurance at [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov)
- ✓ Prepare an emergency supply list-FEMA recommendations attached:

Taking steps now to be prepared will make a big difference when a disaster arrives. Getting your family prepared will help your entire community.

More information about Maryland Flood Awareness Month is available at [www.resiliencypartnership.com](http://www.resiliencypartnership.com).



### Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food, water and supplies for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a portable waterproof container
- Cash and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Fire Extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies, personal hygiene items and hand sanitizer
- Mess kits, Paper cups, plates and disposable utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children



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## Emergency Supply List



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## Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water and non-perishable food for several days**
- Extra cell phone battery or charger**
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio that can receive NOAA Weather Radio tone alerts and extra batteries**
- Flashlight and extra batteries**
- First aid kit**
- Whistle to signal for help**
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place**
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation**
- Non-sparking wrench or pliers to turn off utilities**
- Can opener (if kit contains canned food)**
- Local maps**

### FEMA's Ready Campaign

educates and empowers Americans to take some simple steps to prepare for and respond to potential emergencies, including those from natural hazards and man-made disasters. Ready asks individuals to do three key things: get an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and appropriate responses. Everyone should have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive several days if an emergency occurs. This list of emergency supply kit items is only a starting point. It is important that individuals review this list and consider the unique needs of their family, including pets, for items to include. Individuals should also consider having at least two emergency supply kits, one full kit at home and smaller portable kits in their workplace, vehicle or other places they spend time.

  
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