



PHILLIPS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

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“A resilient community doesn’t wait for help—it becomes the help.”

Preparedness Begins at Home

Too often, people think of disasters as distant events—something that happens somewhere else, to someone else. It’s easy to believe, “It won’t happen here,” or “It won’t happen to me.” Until it does. And when it does, those who are unprepared often face the greatest hardship.


Disasters always begin and end at the local level. Our first responders are the community’s first line of defense, standing between crisis and recovery. Their efforts save lives and protect property—but the strength of any response depends on the resilience of the people they serve. Prepared and engaged communities endure far less loss and recover far more quickly than those caught off guard.

Phillips County, like many rural areas, is experiencing either steady population decline or stagnant growth as residents migrate toward urban centers. This demographic shift carries real consequences. Fewer people mean fewer volunteers, fewer trained responders, and higher costs to maintain critical infrastructure. It increases the strain on those who remain and raises our collective vulnerability to hazards.

So, where will we be 25 years from now? The future will not come without challenges. Technology will continue to advance and can strengthen our preparedness—but it cannot replace it. True resilience begins with individuals and families who take preparedness seriously.

We prepare not because we expect disaster, but because we understand the cost of being unprepared. Preparedness is hope in action—the steady commitment to ensure that, whatever comes, our community will endure, adapt, and recover.


NO WIND




98.6°F
Average temperature of the human body

Under calm conditions, the body radiates heat, creating a layer of warmth between our skin and the cold surroundings.

The Science of Wind Chill




WINDY



95°F
Hypothermia begins when our body temperature drops two to four degrees

But when it's windy, the moving air breaks up this insulating layer. It speeds up heat loss by whisking away the warmth from our skin.

Heat is moved away from our bodies.


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WHAT'S A BLIZZARD?



BLOWING SNOW

35+ MPH WINDS





≤ 1/4 MI VISIBILITY

FOR 3+ HOURS



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DID YOU KNOW THAT FALLING SNOW ISN'T NECESSARY FOR A BLIZZARD?


A BLIZZARD THAT RESULTS FROM SNOW THAT HAS PREVIOUSLY FALLEN IS CALLED A GROUND BLIZZARD.

GENERATOR SAFETY TIPS


- Fuel-powered generators should only be used outside at least 20 feet away from doors and windows
- Never use a generator in an attached garage, even with the door open
- Make sure you install carbon monoxide alarms in your home
- Turn off generator and let it cool prior to refueling. Never refuel a hot generator

⚠ DANGER

Using a generator Indoors CAN KILL YOU IN MINUTES. Generator exhaust contains carbon monoxide. This is a poison you cannot see or smell.



NEVER use Inside a home or garage, EVEN IF doors and windows are open.



Only use OUTSIDE and far away from windows, doors, and vents.

"No matter how much falls on us, we keep plowing ahead. That's the only way to keep the roads clear."