

# Emergency Management September 2025 Newsletter

## National Preparedness Month

FEMA's [Ready Campaign](#) has observed National Preparedness Month since 2004 to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies. The month is a great time to take small steps to make a big difference in being prepared.

**Preparedness Starts at Home**, the 2025 theme focuses on getting back to the essentials of preparedness. There are four key actions you can take to prepare for any disaster you may face:

### Know your risk

Know what could happen where you and your family live.  
Potential Hazards for Phillips County  
(Tornado, Flood, Winter Storm, Lightning, & Wildfire).

### Make a family emergency plan

Planning early helps you reduce stress and save time and money. Make sure you store important phone numbers in a separate place than your cell phone. Sign up for emergency alerts in your area to receive life-saving information from your state and local municipality. Download the FEMA App to receive weather alerts, safety tips and reminders and be ready for the unexpected. Talk with family or members of your household about where you will go if told to evacuate. Having a plan before disaster strikes can help you save precious time and money. Store important documents and items like passports, birth certificates, maps and electronics in a flood-safe place like a high shelf or upper floor in resealable water-tight plastic bags to help waterproof them. Store important documents like insurance policies digitally.

### Build an emergency supply kit

Store these items in a water-tight container.  
Bottled water (*Most emergency preparedness experts recommend having a three-day supply on hand.*)  
Ready-to-eat foods  
A manual can opener  
Battery-operated radio, clock, flashlights and extra  
Batteries  
Blankets  
First aid kit  
Cash  
Candles/Matches/Lighters  
Charger for Cell Phone  
Medications  
Family & emergency contact list  
Hand sanitizer, baby wipes, and toilet paper.  
Wrench or Pliers (in case you need to turn off utilities)



**Get involved in your community by taking action to prepare for emergencies.**

Emergencies can happen fast, and emergency responders aren't always nearby. You may be able to save a life by taking simple actions immediately. You can learn these steps when you take a first aid class through many organizations in your community.

Join a Community Emergency Response Team program and get trained on basic disaster response skills. Take a free online independent study course through FEMA's Emergency Management Institute or a CPR course through the American Red Cross.

### ALERT NOTIFICATIONS:

Phillips County emergency preparedness and mass notification system for all Phillips County residents is **Everbridge**. All residents are encouraged to register by clicking the link <https://member.everbridge.net/index/311578402488623>

Once the site is open please enter all contact information along with specific notification preferences. Be sure to select how you would prefer to receive your alerts and notifications. Please enter a valid address, so you are contacted when your area is being affected.