

JAN_1 **It's a new year!**

What's your New Year's Resolution? Resolve to be ready in 2017 with tips from Ready New York and New York City Emergency Management. Check out the information on our site: [http://on.nyc.gov/1JK01zT]

JAN_2 **Do you have what it takes to be a CERT volunteer?**

Community Emergency Response Team members are important allies in our response to an emergency. They help their communities prepare for and recover from emergencies. Volunteers work side-by-side with first responders to ensure everyone's safety in the affected community. Take the 10-week course and join a team: [http://on.nyc.gov/1QYKijk]

FEB_1 **Share Your Space!**

Did you know that your space can be useful during an emergency? Large spaces can be used as evacuation centers during a disaster. If you own a business or community space and would like to make it available for emergency use, please fill out this survey: [http://on.nyc.gov/1N8kuCl]

FEB_2 **Is your Valentine's sweetheart in your emergency plan as a contact?**

Have a trusted person's phone number and contact information written down and stored somewhere safe in case the power goes out and he or she needs to be reached.

MAR_1 **We need to be vigilant and prepared for the unexpected.**

Use the city's PlanNowNYC site to learn how to be prepared for active shooters and other no-notice events. [http://bit.ly/2evZp5j]

MAR_2 **Emergencies can be "ruff" on your pet.**

Help keep your pet prepared during an emergency event with My Pet Preparedness Plan! Microchipping your pets is a great way to ensure that they are found and identified during any emergency. Prepare a separate go-bag for your furry friend and make sure to pack extra pet-food and any medications (and toys!) [http://on.nyc.gov/2e3BLgd]

APR_1 **April showers bring severe flooding.**

Keep your home safe from floods. Find out if you live in an area susceptible to flooding and consider signing up for flood insurance. Make an itemized list of your property and valuables, and create an emergency reference card. To keep you and your home dry, visit [http://on.nyc.gov/1LHACGD]

APR_2 **Stay Notified!**

A great way to stay connected during an emergency is by signing up for Notify NYC at nyc.gov/notifyny and following @NotifyNYC on Twitter. Download the app and stay informed! [http://on.nyc.gov/2gzbrLC]

MAY_1 **Keep your small business safe, just as you would protect your home!**

[http://bit.ly/2gOGCGW]

MAY_2 **FEMA's High Water Mark Initiative**

FEMA's High Water Mark Initiative helps remind communities of the potential devastating effects of flooding. Hurricane Sandy destroyed parts of New York City, and the signs mark where the surge was highest.



JUN_1 **Near, Far, Wherever you are...**

Have a meeting place for the members of your household to meet in the event that an emergency forces you from your home - one close to your home, and one farther away. The close meeting place should be on your block, but a meeting place farther away should be an easily accessible building, such as a school or a library.

JUN_2 **The best way to be ready for an emergency is with a plan.**

My Emergency Plan is a fillable PDF that gives you the framework for all necessary information you will need for an emergency. Download the plan, fill in the blanks, print it out, and place in your go-bag! [http://on.nyc.gov/2fyd65]

JUL_1 **It's Getting Hot in Herre...**

The best way to Beat the Heat is by visiting a cooling center [http://on.nyc.gov/2gCOFp8]. NYC is home to hundreds of cooling centers that offer a safe space to cool down during a heat wave. Find your local center and don't forget to drink lots of water to stay hydrated!

JUL_2 **It's Hurricane Season - do you know your zone?**

Hurricane season in New York City lasts from June to late November. There are six hurricane zones in New York City. Find out which zone you are in, and find out where your closest evacuation center is. [http://on.nyc.gov/2e9lpVT]

AUG_1 **Do you have a loved one with access or functional needs?**

Make sure you have an extra plan for your friend who has access or functional needs, or someone using life sustaining equipment to ensure they are safely evacuated during an emergency. [http://on.nyc.gov/1UVUqxF]

AUG_2 **School is almost in session!**

Keep your kids prepared with a plan specifically catered to them! Help keep your kids safe and prepared with an emergency reference card. [http://on.nyc.gov/1M9qPMn]

SEP_1 **It's National Preparedness Month.**

September marks the importance of being prepared for emergencies. To prevent large casualties or expensive damage, be sure to be prepared! [http://bit.ly/2fEoDOz]

SEP_2	Let's get ready with Ready Girl!	Ready Girl is New York City's Emergency Preparedness superheroine! The Queens native helps fight for our safety with tricks up her sleeve! Check out how she can come to a school near you! [http://bit.ly/2fEw9sX]
OCT_1	Long and Strong!	It's CyberSecurity Month, and it's important to keep your information safe from hackers and potential fraud. Safeguard your personal information, lock your computers before you leave them, and make sure all of your passwords are long and unique!
OCT_2	Shake it, don't break it!	Remember to duck, cover and hold on during an earthquake! Once an earthquake strikes, duck under sturdy piece of furniture and hold on until the shaking subsides. Remember that aftershocks often follow the initial quake, so stay put until it is safe to evacuate. The Great American Shakeout reminds all Americans the steps necessary to keep you safe from the shaking! [http://bit.ly/2fsAIAJ]
NOV_1	Check your supplies as you change your clocks!	As our clocks fall back for autumn, it is a good time to check the goods in your go-bag to make sure yo batteries, food, and other perishable supplies are up to date, and make any changes necessary to you contact information.
NOV_2	Your car needs to be ready for the winter, too!	Before you get snowed in, check your car's battery, antifreeze, and thermostat, and pack an emergenc supply kit into your trunk. Include some extra warm clothes, sand or cat litter to get you out of a slush situation, and a flare or brightly colored cloth to use as a flag in case you get stuck.
DEC_1	Baby, it's cold outside!	A great way to warm up is by the fireplace, but fire safety is key for the winter and in general! Figure what ways to stay warm without calling Smokey the Bear here: [http://on.nyc.gov/2fYr53f]
DEC_2	Resolve to be Ready 2018!	You are now ready for anything that will come your way in 2018, so how about giving the gift of preparedness to your friends and loved ones? Make sure those that you care about are prepared with their own emergency plans and supplies.