

Hamilton Massachusetts

Are you ready?

DISASTER & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION

Preparing for disasters begins at home. Review and use this information now and keep it in a convenient location so it will be easy to find when you need it. Time spent preparing now may save you and your property in a disaster.

PREPARE, PLAN AND STAY INFORMED

BUILD A KIT!
MAKE A PLAN!
BE INFORMED!

Important things to consider for your emergency plans:

Your phone system

- If you have a landline phone, be sure to have a hard-wired (not cordless) phone for when electrical power is out.
- If your phone service is through your cable network, find out about the network's back-up battery system.
- If you use a cell phone, have car and AC phone chargers and bring them if you evacuate.

Personal documents

Have printed copies of personal contacts, personal identification and medical and medication information. In addition, store it on a computer thumb/jump drive in case your documents are lost or damaged. If you do not have access or use a computer ask someone to do this for you. Keep your information current, review it annually and update it when changes are made. Include phone numbers and addresses for family, friends, physicians, pharmacy, insurance, veterinarian, and others. Store it in a waterproof bag.

Individuals Requiring Additional Assistance

If you or a member of your household may require additional assistance during an emergency related to dependence on life sustaining medical equipment, a mobility, hearing, vision, speech or cognitive impairment you may record this information in the Massachusetts 9-1-1 system's **Disability Indicator Program**. To submit your information, download and complete the *9-1-1 Disability Indicator Form* which can be found at: mass.gov/e911 and follow the instructions on how to submit the form or call your local Fire, Police or Health Department.

Important Telephone Numbers

To report an emergency or request emergency assistance call: **9-1-1**

Massachusetts Information Line:
Mass 211 **2-1-1**

Hamilton Fire	978 468 5560
Fire Chief – Emergency Management Director	
Hamilton Police	978 468 1212
Hamilton Board of Health	978 468 5579
American Red Cross	800 RedCross
National Grid	800 322 3223

Emergency Information Websites:

Find emergency preparedness information for individuals, businesses and schools at the **Federal Emergency Management Agency's:**

Ready Program
www.ready.gov or 1-800-BE READY

Hamilton website
www.hamiltonma.gov

FEMA-Federal Emergency Management Agency
www.fema.gov

MEMA – MA Emergency Management Agency
www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema

National weather Service
www.nws.noaa.gov

American Red Cross
www.redcross.org

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□ **Build a Kit**

Emergency Preparedness Kits

For you and family: *Grab'n'Go Kit*

If you have to leave, have it ready and near your exit. In an emergency, seconds count.

- Practical clothing and shoes
- Toiletry items
- Personal documents (copies)
- Personal Identification (copies)
- Cash/credit cards
- Medication & medical items, 3 day supply
- Non-perishable food
- bottled water
- House keys
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First aid kit with reference guide

For your home: *72 Hour Kit*

All homes should have enough supplies to last at least 72 hours.

- One gallon of water per person/per day
- Non-perishable food i.e. energy bars, canned/dried meat, fish, fruit, & nuts
- Manual can opener
- Duct tape
- Plastic sheeting / tarp
- Dust masks

For your car:

- Booster cables
- Fuel (full tank)
- Car keys
- Blanket
- Fire extinguisher
- Maps
- Shovel
- First aid kit with reference guide
- Flashlight with extra batteries

For your pet:

- Leash and collar with ID
- Vaccine record
- 3 day supply of food and water
- Bowls
- Medication
- Picture of you with your pet
- Crate/carrier

□ **Make a Plan**

Family Communication Plan

It is often easier to call or text long-distance than locally during disasters. Ask someone to serve as your out-of-town contact person. Your contact person can relay messages among family and friends if you cannot contact one another directly. Make sure everyone has the name and number of the contact person.

Ready to use plans can be found at www.ready.gov Review your plans annually.

The American Red Cross, *Safe and Well* program is a tool for people affected by a disaster to enter information about their wellbeing so family and friends can check on them. Find it at the Red Cross website, redcross.org or call 1-866-GET-INFO.

Shelter-in-Place

Depending on the situation, it may be safest to stay where you are during an emergency. Have a plan to *Shelter-in-Place* either for the duration of the event or until you can safely evacuate to a shelter or other location. When Sheltering-in-place it may be advisable to do the following:

- Close all windows, doors and dampers.
- Turn off fans and air conditioners or any devices that draw outside air in.
- Go to a safe area of the house away from windows and doors.

Evacuation

If you or authorities determine that evacuation is necessary, it is important to do so in a calm and organized way. Practice your plan.

- Secure your home
- Shut off appliances and utilities. Know ahead of time where and how to turn off gas, electricity and water supply.
- Bring your Grab'n'Go Kit

Medical Information

Store medical and medication information on a thumb/jump drive in addition to having paper copies. If you have *File of Life* or *Vial of Life*, keep it up-to-date and bring it if you evacuate.

□ **Be Informed**

Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count. It is critical to stay informed of rapidly changing conditions during disasters and emergencies. Plan how you will receive weather and news alerts. Check that family, friends and neighbors are getting emergency information and instructions.

Portable Radio

Have a solar, crank or battery operated (with extra batteries) radio preferably with a weather frequency. If you evacuate, take it with you.

Connect-CTY

All individuals and businesses should be registered in the Connect-CTY System to receive information and instructions from local officials during emergencies. The Connect-CTY emergency notification system sends messages directly to your phone. It is important to make sure all your phone numbers are registered in the system. To do so, go to the Hamilton website and follow the link.

Emergency Alert System

The national public warning system is also used by state and local authorities to deliver important emergency information through cable, satellite, digital and wireless radio and television broadcast systems.

Social Media & Web Apps

Federal, state and local websites provide emergency information that can be followed using Twitter and Facebook. Web applications are available for news & weather alerts.

Local Emergency Shelter and Dispensing Sites

- Hamilton Meeting House, 299 Bay Rd.
- High School

Be aware, other sites may be activated as needed.