



HOUSEHOLD PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

STEPS TO BECOME A RESILIENT HOUSEHOLD

1. Get Informed

- ☐ [Review the Community Hazard Handbook](#) to understand threats that may impact Howard County
- ☐ Follow Howard County Government and Howard County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) on [Facebook](#) and [X](#)
- ☐ Keep your cell phone near you for Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs) about severe weather and other emergencies

2. Make a Plan

- ☐ [Make an emergency plan](#) to prepare yourself, family, and pets

3. Build a Kit

- ☐ Build a home emergency kit for your household using the [Household Emergency Plan Template](#)
- ☐ Build a go bag for each member of your household using the [Household Emergency Plan Template](#)
- ☐ You can also [reference the checklist on Ready.gov](#) to assist with building a kit

4. Be Involved

- ☐ Attend Howard County's quarterly [Local Emergency Planning Committee \(LEPC\) Meetings](#)
- ☐ Sign up for *Hands-Only CPR* and *Stop the Bleed Training* by emailing outreach@hcdfrs.org or by calling (410) 313-2016
- ☐ Contact OEM's outreach team by emailing emergencymanagement@howardcountymd.gov or by calling (410) 313-6030