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Get Prepared, Stay Prepared

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg is prepared for emergencies. Are you?

September is National Preparedness Month and residents and businesses are encouraged to make plans now, before an emergency strikes.

Tips to help Harrisonburg get prepared:

- **Make a plan.** Talk with family members and decide on where to go and what to do in case of an emergency. A free emergency plan worksheet is available at www.ReadyVirginia.gov.
- **Collect and set aside emergency supplies in one place.** It is important to have these supplies in a location known and accessible to all family members.
- **Store water.** Be sure to have a supply of water that will last at least three days. It is recommended to have one gallon of water per person per day.
- **Review your insurance policy.** Before an emergency happens, make sure you know what your homeowner's insurance policy will cover.
- **Stay informed.** Track the most recent weather conditions by following local media reports and reliable social media sites. It is also beneficial to have a battery-powered or hand-crank radio on hand to be notified of pertinent information if the power goes out.
- **Register for the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Alert System.** Register for this system now to be notified of a significant emergency or life threatening weather event. Details are available at www.HREmergencyAlert.com.

For additional information on supply kits and preparing for an emergency, visit <http://www.harrisonburgva.gov/safety-tips> or www.ReadyVirginia.gov.

*Who will notify you if an emergency-related event is happening in Harrisonburg or Rockingham County? Sign up to receive free alerts through the **Harrisonburg and Rockingham County Emergency Alert System** by visiting www.HREmergencyAlert.com.*

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