

# Preparedness during Emergencies

Disasters can happen anytime and anywhere, from severe weather like tornadoes to winter storms to chemical spills and other man-caused emergencies. Be prepared in the event your family must go for a few days without electricity, water service, access to a supermarket or pharmacy, or other local services. Just follow these three steps:

## **GET A KIT**

Keep enough emergency supplies on hand for you and your family for at least 72 hours– water, non-perishable food, first aid kit, prescriptions, flashlight, and a battery-powered radio. If you own pets, remember to include their food and supplies.

## **MAKE A PLAN**

Discuss and develop an emergency plan with your family. Do you know how to shelter-in-place or where would you go if you needed to evacuate?

## **BE INFORMED**

Knowing the dangers and making good decisions can save your life. Did you know that you can now receive life-saving alerts on your cell phone? More than 3,500 Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) have been issued since 2012. Some of those alerts were issued in Wisconsin for tornadoes and winter weather emergencies.

For more information on how to prepare for disasters, please visit the ReadyWisconsin website: [readywisconsin.wi.gov](http://readywisconsin.wi.gov)

Individuals and families are the most important members of the nation's emergency management team. Being prepared can save precious time and save lives.