

BE PREPARED

PREPAREDNESS PLANNING

In the event of a community emergency, the City of Detroit and Wayne County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will be responsible for coordinating communications to the public. This guide is intended to help you be prepared in the event of an emergency and to know your community's emergency notification procedures.

PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

Go to www.detroitmi.gov/dhsem and click on the link for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to register for emergency preparedness training.

EMERGENCY ALERTS

Sign-up to receive emergency NIXLE Alerts by texting the word "Detroit" to 888777.

PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION

For more information on emergency preparedness and planning, please visit:

WWW.READY.GOV

BE INVOLVED

FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE VISIT:

DETROIT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

www.detroitmi.gov/dhsem

DETROIT MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (MRC)

www.detroitmi.gov/how-do-i/volunteer/medical-reserve-corps

SALVATION ARMY, EASTERN MI DIVISION

www.salmich.org/emi/volunteer

AMERICAN RED CROSS

www.redcross.org/local/michigan/volunteer

LOCAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

www.detroitmi.gov/serve-detroit/volunteer-information

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DETROIT LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDE



DETROIT LEPC

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING

The City of Detroit Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is a public-private partnership that supports hazardous materials reporting and planning.

LEPC MISSION

The City Of Detroit Emergency Planning Committee's mission shall be to increase compliance with hazardous materials reporting requirements and to continue to offer access to information on the storage of such materials for the benefit of the city's residents, businesses and industries. The Committee shall carry out its mission in compliance with SARA Title III and other federal, state and local requirements in such a way that meets both the letter and spirit of those requirements and that enhances and encourages a partnership between residents, business and industry through an exchange of information and mutual planning.

The Detroit LEPC meets quarterly and citizens are encouraged to attend. For more information on upcoming meetings, please contact the City of Detroit LEPC at DETROITLEPC@detroitmi.gov or call (313) 596-5562.

BE INFORMED

EMERGENCY BROADCASTS

In the event of an emergency alert, try to stay calm. You may be alerted to a problem that may or may not pose an immediate danger to the community. You will be advised if there is the potential for escalation into a more serious situation. If you are informed of a potential problem, you should "stand-by" until advised of what action to take. If you are alerted to an emergency, immediately turn on a radio and/or television to a local station for further instruction. Instructions will be given as soon as official information is available and the message will be repeated at prescribed intervals, as necessary.

Emergency broadcast messages may be heard on the following stations

WWJ - 950 AM **WJR** - 760 AM
WJBK - TV Channel 2 **WDIV** - TV Channel 4
WXYZ - TV Channel 7

BE ALERT

You may be asked to take shelter or shelter-in-place if hazardous material is released to the air and there is not enough time to safely evacuate.

Stay tuned to your radio and/or television for further instruction to prepare to evacuate. Prepare your home for a 3-day absence: turn off small appliances, faucets, lights, air conditioners and fans; turn down the furnace if on; lock windows and doors. Gather and pack the necessities you should take with you such as, medicine, driver's license or identification, baby food, toiletries, eyeglasses, checkbook, credit cards, cash and comfort items. Gather and pack things for your pet such as, food, cage, toys and treats. Common household pets will be transported and sheltered with you during an evacuation.

BE READY

You may be told to prepare to evacuate. Do not leave your home at this stage and use this time to prepare for a possible evacuation.

Go inside your home or building. Close all windows and doors. In the event of a chemical or gas release requiring shelter-in-place, seal windows, doors, vents and flues with duct tape. Turn off all air conditioners, fans and heating systems. Stay tuned to your radio and/or TV for more instructions. Begin storing water in containers for future drinking, cooking and sanitation. If necessary, schools in the affected area will shelter-in-place. Parents should not try to pick up their children unless advised to do so. (Parents and guardians should verify that the school, daycare, or nursing home where loved ones attend or reside has an emergency response plan) Do not go outdoors unless absolutely necessary. If so, limit time spent outdoors and cover your mouth with a damp cloth or towel. When returning indoors, leave outer clothing outside. Wash your face and hands with mild soap and lukewarm water to avoid contaminating your home and family. Remain sheltered until local authorities announce the emergency is over.

TAKE ACTION

An evacuation will be ordered only if the community is threatened and there is time to evacuate safely and in an orderly manner. Take the following steps when an evacuation order is issued.

Stay calm. Local officials, through radio and television broadcast, will specify which areas of the community must evacuate. Make sure that this order applies to your specific area. Evacuate your area as you have been instructed. Local officials will direct you to the nearest assembly location for those without transportation. Take the necessities that you have identified in your emergency plan. Leave when advised to do so. Use 1 car per family. Close all car windows and vents. Listen to your radio for emergency and traffic information. You may return to your home as soon as the emergency is declared over and it is safe to return. If the emergency involved an airborne hazardous material, open windows and doors when you return and stay outside until the house or building is well ventilated. Common household pets will be transported in a cage and sheltered with you during an evacuation.

