



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Here are 5 ways to prepare yourself and your loved ones for disasters.

Sign up for Emergency Alerts

Alert Hamilton County, or "Alert HC," is the notification system to alert people in Hamilton County about emergencies and other important information.

Choose from more than 40 different alerts about potential hazards and emergencies that may impact your safety. These notifications can keep you informed and help you take actions to keep you and your loved ones safe when the unexpected happens.



Visit **AlertHC.org** to sign up to receive alerts directly to your phone or email.

Review Your Insurance Coverage

Whether you are a homeowner or renter, having good insurance is one of the best tools for recovering from a disaster. Talk to an insurance expert about how to sufficiently insure your property for the hazards that impact Hamilton County. Consider hazard-specific coverage such as flood insurance.

Safeguard Important Documents

Keeping your essential documents safe makes the disaster recovery process less stressful. Keep copies of items you would like to safeguard in a portable, waterproof container or save scans on a secure USB flash drive you can take with you. Important documents to protect include:

- Identification documents (identification records, immigration papers, etc.)
- Financial and legal documents (insurance, housing, vehicle, banking, retirement records)
- Medical records (health insurance, medical documents, current prescription information, etc.)
- Any valuable personal items (family photos, keepsakes, or other irreplaceable items)

Make an Emergency Plan

Your family may not be together during a disaster, so it is important to know how you will contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that is familiar and easy to find. Ensure all family members know emergency contacts and important phone numbers. If you will need assistance from family, friends, neighbors, or other caregivers, involve them in your planning process.

Build an Emergency Kit

After an emergency, you may have to sustain your family for several days without power or running water. Be prepared by gathering items you may need in easy-to-carry containers or bags, and tailor your kit to the specific needs of your household (e.g., kids, pets, older adults, people with disabilities).

- Water (1 gallon per person, per day, including pets)
- Nonperishable foods and a manual can opener
- Flashlights, batteries, and portable phone chargers
- Necessary medications, hygiene items, and a first aid kit
- Clothing, blankets, comfort items, and cash

