

!! Be Ready Saginaw County!!

August's Objective: SAVING IMPORTANT ITEMS

Disasters happen anytime and anywhere without warning.

When disaster strikes it is easier to cope when you are prepared.

!! Be Ready Saginaw County!! Recommends having plans for keepsakes and important documents should you need to evacuate your home.

Personal Items

to Consider Before an Emergency Occurs

- Family photos – consider storing negatives and electronic copies at a location outside your home such as a safe deposit box
- Valuable jewelry – store these items together so they are easy to locate
- Irreplaceable heirlooms and favorite collectables – can they be moved easily and how much space will they take in your car
- Take your laptop or disconnect your PC if you're leaving home

Important Documents

to Keep Secure or Take With You

- Drivers license and passports
- Social security cards
- Birth, marriage and death certificates
- Immunization records
- Insurance policies
- Wills, contracts, vehicle titles and property deeds
- One bank statement for each account including credit cards
- Record of stocks, bonds or retirement accounts

Tips for success...

- If you live in a flood-prone area, make sure you have adequate flood insurance to reduce your risk of loss.
- Take pictures or make a video of your home possessions for insurance purposes. Include both the interior and exterior of your home.
- To protect your computer, always use unusual passwords, install virus protection and an internal firewall, and regularly backup critical data.
- Store important documents in a waterproof, portable container. Consider using a fire-proof, portable safe deposit box.
- Remember to close and lock your windows and doors and turn off water, gas and electricity if you have to evacuate your home.



BE WISE. BE WELL. BE READY.