

# !! Be Ready Saginaw County!!

## February's Objective

### STAY INFORMED: HAZARD AWARENESS

Disasters happen anytime and anywhere without warning.

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

!! Be Ready Saginaw County!! recommends that you take the advice of your local Fire, Police and Health Departments in response to local emergencies and hazards.

#### COMMUNITY & HOME HAZARDS

- Mid-Michigan residents endure many weather-related hazards such as thunderstorms, high winds, snow storms, extreme cold, extreme heat and tornados
- Other hazards may include fires, industrial chemical accidents, or environmental situations that affect public health (for example: E. coli or Norovirus)

#### CONDUCT A 'HOME HAZARD HUNT'

- Be sure your electrical outlets are adequate to handle your appliance load
- Keep flammable liquids away from heaters, ovens, pilot lights and outlets
- Have smoke detectors placed on each floor of your home, with at least one near your bedrooms and test them monthly
- Keep a multi-purpose fire extinguisher (2-A: 10-B:C Rated) in the kitchen and garage
- Candles and home heaters should never be left unattended

#### STAY INFORMED

- Tune your radio to local media or watch local TV news stations for travel updates, weather forecasts, or site cleanup timelines.
- Do not call 911 unless you have a life threatening emergency
- Learn about the NOAA Weather Radio and its alerting capabilities through [www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)
- Download the FEMA APP with weather alerts for up to 5 locations [www.fema.gov/mobile-app](http://www.fema.gov/mobile-app)
- Register for Saginaw County Alerts and Warnings at: <http://www.saginawcounty.com/911/Emergency-Notification-Registration.aspx>
- Keep a list of the non-emergency phone numbers of your local Fire and Police

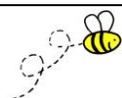
**What should I do during severe weather?** Stay in your home unless directed to evacuate by local fire or police department.

**How do I know if it's safe to travel?** Tune in to local radio or TV news stations for travel updates.

**Tips for success!** Keep emergency kits at home and in your car! (See October and November Fact Sheets for kit building information)

**Most Important Emergency Supplies...**Water, blankets, flashlights, extra batteries, a shovel, first aid kit, cell phone and charger

**For More Information Visit** [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)



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