

STAY INFORMED

Alert Hamilton County (AlertHC) was designed to inform residents, visitors and employees of emergencies and other important information.

There are 42 different alert types to ensure information is available about any hazard that might occur.

AlertHC notifies via text, email, and phone calls for messages about tornadoes, flooding, evacuation, shelter-in-place, or civil emergencies. Users can receive National Weather Service watches and warnings, critical safety and emergency information, and municipal messages from their community. Sign up at AlertHC.org.

"Smart911" lets you share important information with first responders during an emergency. With Smart911, both 9-1-1 call takers and first responders can access vital information you wish to share about members of your household, such as medical details, disabilities and equipment, address and property details, emergency contact information, and communication preferences.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS TO SAVE

**Anderson Township
Fire and Rescue
Emergency 911**
Non-Emergency
513-688-8400

**Hamilton County Sheriff's
District 5 substation
Emergency 911**
Non-Emergency
513-474-5770

**Hamilton County Emergency
Management Agency
513-263-8200**



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY



SPRINGTIME'S EXTREMES AND WEATHER IN GENERAL IN OHIO CAN BE FICKLE.

Whether it's a flash flood, a tornado, power outages, heat emergencies, or a severe winter storm, Anderson residents who have lived through these situations know extreme weather conditions can escalate quickly to become a crisis. This brochure aims to provide practical advice in navigating emergencies here.

Weather is not the only factor that can precipitate a critical situation. In other Cincinnati scenarios, residents have been asked to evacuate due to a chemical spill or shelter in place until a threat has been resolved.

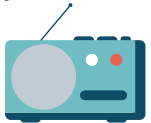
Township Administrator Vicky Earhart notes that while the township's emergency services are excellent, it is essential to be prepared independently as "help may not come in your timeframe" in significant disaster situations.

“In a large-scale major tornado or earthquake, we are limited in how many residents we will be able to access promptly, you should be prepared to take care of yourself for at least three days.**”**

VICKY EARHART
Township Administrator

EVACUATION: WHAT TO KNOW

If you need to evacuate:



- Listen to a battery-powered radio for the location of emergency shelters. Follow instructions of local officials.
- Wear protective clothing and sturdy shoes.
- Take your Disaster Supplies Kit.
- Lock your house.
- Use travel routes specified by local officials. If you are sure you have time.
- Shut off water, gas and electricity, if instructed to do so.
- Let others know when you left and where you are going.
- Make arrangements for pets. Animals may not be allowed in a public shelter.

Disasters can impact different people in different ways, particularly people with disabilities, their families, and caregivers. For more information about access and functional needs citizen preparedness visit ready.gov/disability.

STAY IN TOUCH



When a disaster strikes, you and your family may not be together to communicate and take action. Discuss with your family to determine who your out-of-state point of contact may be and where you would meet up away from your home if you are not together when a disaster occurs. It is important to establish a communication plan with your family, so you know how to contact one another before an emergency happens:

Limit non-emergency phone calls. This will minimize network congestion, free up “space” for emergency communications, and conserve battery power if you are using a wireless phone.

Keep all phone calls brief. If you need to use a phone, try to use it only to convey vital information to emergency personnel and/or family.

For non-emergency calls, try text messaging when using your wireless phone. In many cases text messages will go through when your call may not. Consider creating an “In Case of Emergency” contact group message to simultaneously inform all important contacts that you are safe.

Post on social media to inform family/friends that you are safe.

If in your vehicle, try to place calls while your vehicle is stationary.

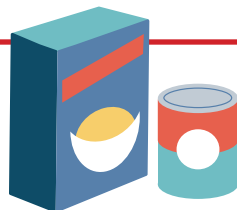
If you have Call Forwarding on your home number, forward your home number to your wireless number, particularly in the event of an evacuation.

If you do not have electric power in your home, consider using your car to charge cell phones or listen to news alerts on the car radio. But use caution – do not try to reach your car if it is unsafe, and be aware of carbon monoxide emissions from your car if it is in a closed space, such as a garage.

Tune into broadcast and radio news for important news alerts.

BUILD A KIT

Prepare necessary supplies that may be needed in the event of a disaster or unforeseen emergency. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items in your household that fit your family's unique needs that will hold you for several days. Large-scale disasters may limit access to supplies, either because local stores are closed, or supply chains are impacted.



Suggestions include:

- Water (One gallon per person for several days)
- Nonperishable foods (at least a 3-day supply)
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio



- Flashlights
- Extra batteries
- Cell phone with chargers and backup batteries
- Prescription medications



- Infant formula, bottles, diapers, and wipes
- Pet food and extra water
- Warm blankets or sleeping bags
- Extra clothes, including rain and cold weather gear



- Important documents
 - Cash and change
 - First aid kit
- Consider keeping an emergency kit at home, in your car, and at work.



To learn more, visit ready.gov/kit. The site offers disaster preparedness materials in multiple languages.