



West Virginia Citizen Corps
A program of
Volunteer West Virginia

The ReadyWV Initiative

A Campaign to Kick off National Preparedness Month

Anything can happen at any time. Being ready ahead of a disaster is the most critical action you can take to protect the things that matter most: your family, your home, your pets, yourselves. You can't always expect that fire fighters or paramedics will be available. Sometimes you need to rely on yourself.

Through funding from the West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and coordination with Volunteer West Virginia, **ReadyWV** is a communications campaign and an online tool that offers easy access to tools and tips that help individuals, families and neighborhoods in West Virginia prepare for emergencies. The campaign's web site, .ready.wv.gov, offers tools and tips on what to do before, during and after an emergency using the tag line, "just in case."

Check out the following highlights on .ready.wv.gov:

- Potential Hazards by Geographic Region
- Preparedness Checklists
- Kids' Activities
- Sample Emergency Plans
- Emergency Contacts by County
- Shelter In Place Information
- Evacuation Planning
- Basic First Aid
- Much More!

Sponsored by the national *Ready* campaign, National Preparedness Month (NPM) is a nationwide effort designed to increase awareness as well as encourage individuals, families, businesses and communities to take action and prepare for emergencies. NPM is focused on changing perceptions about emergency preparedness and helping West Virginians understand what it truly means to be *Ready*. Preparedness goes beyond fire alarms, smoke detectors, dead-bolt locks and extra food in the pantry. Being *Ready* includes: getting an Emergency Supply Kit; making a Family Emergency Plan; being informed about emergencies and their appropriate responses; and getting involved in community efforts such as Citizen Corps.

Get yourself, your loved ones, and your business ready for an emergency using **ReadyWV** tools and tips. Even small changes make a big difference. Get Ready, West Virginia. Just in case...

Citizen Corps is a state and local initiative to involve community organizations, individuals and volunteers to build a culture of preparedness. At the state level, the West Virginia Citizen Corps program promotes the message of citizen preparedness and supports the integration of local trained disaster volunteers into the state's emergency plans. Across the state, local Citizen Corps Councils and volunteers actively engage in promoting and enhancing community preparedness.