



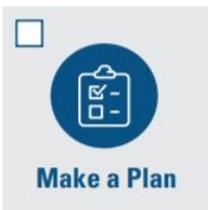
Overview

At Xylem it is a priority to ensure that our employees and stakeholders are prepared to mitigate disaster risks to themselves and the communities in which they live. There are many ways to take action and prepare before a disaster occurs.

In our Xylem Watermark Tips for Natural Disaster Preparedness Guide we share important actions and resources to help yourself, your family, and your community increase your preparedness. Simple actions at home and in your neighborhood can make a big difference! Complete this interactive PDF or print and fill it out with your family/ household:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 WAYS TO PREPARE					
<input type="checkbox"/>  Sign up for Alerts and Warnings	<input type="checkbox"/>  Make a Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>  Save for a Rainy Day	<input type="checkbox"/>  Practice Emergency Drills	<input type="checkbox"/>  Test Family Communication Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>  Safeguard Documents
<input type="checkbox"/>  Plan with Neighbors	<input type="checkbox"/>  Make Your Home Safer	<input type="checkbox"/>  Know Evacuation Routes	<input type="checkbox"/>  Assemble or Update Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/>  Get Involved in Your Community	<input type="checkbox"/>  Document and Insure Property

Source: [Fema.gov](https://www.fema.gov)



Make a plan today. Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters could affect your area. Know how you'll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to find.



Step 1: Put a plan together by discussing the questions below with your family, friends or household.

- How will I receive [emergency alerts and warnings](#)?
- What is my [shelter](#) plan?
- What is my [evacuation](#) route?
- What is my [family/household communication plan](#)?
- Do I need to update my [emergency preparedness](#) kit?
- Check with the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) and update my emergency plans due to Coronavirus.
 - Get cloth face coverings (for everyone over 2 years old), disinfectants, and check my sheltering plan.

Step 2: Consider the specific needs of your household.

Tailor your plans and supplies to your specific daily living needs and responsibilities. Discuss your needs and responsibilities and how people in your household can assist each other with communication, care of children, business, pets or specific needs like operating medical equipment.



Step 3: Fill out a Household Emergency Plan

Download and fill out a family emergency plan or use it as a guide to create your own.

- Xylem Watermark [Disaster Risk Assessment and Planning Guide \(PDF\)](#)
- [Emergency Plan for Parents \(PDF\)](#)
- [Emergency Plan for Kids or \(PDF\)](#)
- [Family Emergency Communication Guide \(PDF\)](#)



Step 4: Practice this plan with your family/household.

Practice, practice, practice! Make sure everyone in your family/household has copies and keeps them in a safe space, like in a backpack, wallet, or taped in a notebook. Put them in your cell phone if you have one.

If a disaster or other emergency strikes your community, you may only have seconds or minutes to react. In those critical moments, your focus will be on your family's safety. Once the threat of harm has passed, having your homeowners or renters insurance policy, bank account information, and other household records and contacts will be very important as you begin the recovery process.



Ensure you have copies of important documents and forms easily accessible that will be vital for recovery after a disaster event. The most important documents fall into the following four categories:

- Household Identification
- Financial and Legal Documentation
- Medical Information
- Household Contacts

Find checklists of important documents for preparedness:

- [Emergency Financial First Aid Kit \(PDF\)](#)
- [Protect Critical Documents and Valuables \(PDF\)](#)



When it comes to emergencies, we face more than just earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. We also deal with flat tires, broken water heaters, and sudden medical expenses. Both big disasters and unexpected bills take time, money, and resources away from other priorities.

Read more about how to strengthen financial preparedness in [FEMA's Emergency Financial First Aid Kit \(PDF\)](#)



After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for several days. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Prepare yourself today by building a disaster preparedness kit. For a checklist of items to stock in your disaster preparedness kit visit:

- Xylem Watermark [How-to Build a Disaster Preparedness Kit](#)
- [Recommended Supplies List \(PDF\)](#)



Some natural disasters, like flooding or hurricanes, may call for you to strengthen your home. While not all natural disasters are the same, and some certainly vary in terms of severity, there are a

number of general safety tips and precautions that you can take to ensure that your family, home and community are prepared for when natural disaster strikes.

[Natural Disaster Preparedness Guide \(PDF\)](#)



During and immediately after an emergency event, it is important to have up to date information. Receiving timely updates about weather conditions or other emergency events can keep you out of harms way.

Learn about emergency alerts and warnings in your area to stay informed about emergencies and disaster.

- [Know Your Alerts and Warnings \(PDF\)](#)
- [Emergency Alert System Fact Sheet \(PDF\)](#)



Many kinds of emergencies can cause you to have to evacuate. In some cases, you may have a day or two to prepare while other situations might call for an immediate evacuation. Planning is vital to making sure that you can evacuate quickly and safely no matter what the circumstances.

Before an Evacuation

- Learn the types of disasters that are likely in your community and the local emergency, evacuation and shelter plans for each specific disaster.
- Plan how you will leave and where you will go if you are advised to evacuate.
- Check with local officials about what shelter spaces are available for this year. Coronavirus may have altered your community's plans.

During an Evacuation

- Follow local evacuation instructions.
- Take your [emergency supply kit](#).
- Leave early enough to avoid being trapped by severe weather
- Follow recommended evacuation routes. Do not take shortcuts, they may be blocked.

Visit [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) for more on how to [Plan to Evacuate](#)



Comprehensive preparedness requires the whole community to participate. There are many ways to get involved in your community to help building community resilience and preparedness. Especially before an emergency or if a disaster occurs, the content found below will give you some ideas of how you can take action in your community.



Learn about Xylem Watermark's Humanitarian Disaster Response efforts and how you can engage your colleagues and community in disaster response and resilience.

- [Join a Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#) program and get trained on basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.
- [You Are the Help Until Help Arrives](#), designed by FEMA, are trainings that can be taken online or in-person, where you learn through simple steps how to save a life before a professional arrives.
- [Volunteer and receive training](#) to support disaster and preparedness efforts in your community.
- [Teach preparedness curriculum](#) in your school. Download everything you need for grades K-12 through our Ready Kids program.
- Promote preparedness online by sharing preparedness tips on your social media account with [Ready's online social media toolkit](#) or [public service announcements](#).
- Take a free online independent study course through [FEMA's Emergency Management Institute](#) and gain more knowledge to help your community become more prepared.

Resources

- [Ready.gov Make A Plan](#)
 - [Family Emergency Communication Guide \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Family Communication Plan Fillable Card \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Emergency Plan for Parents \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Emergency Plan for Families or \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Emergency Plan for Kids or \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Emergency Plan for Commuters \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Pet Owners \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Family Emergency Communication Planning Document \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Family Emergency Communication Plan Wallet Cards \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Know Your Alerts and Warnings \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Protect Critical Documents and Valuables \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Document and Insure Your Property \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Emergency Financial First Aid Kit \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Disaster Checklist \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Make a Plan \(Video\)](#)
 - [Recommended Supplies List \(PDF\)](#)
- International Code Council
 - [Natural Disaster Preparedness Guide \(PDF\)](#)
- American Red Cross/IRFC [Global Disaster Preparedness Center](#)
- Mercy Corps [Creating a family emergency preparedness plan](#)