

# MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM

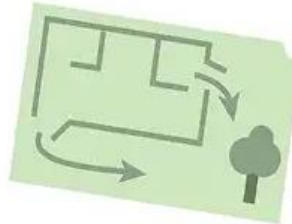
## National Preparedness Month

September marks National Preparedness Month, the annual campaign to remind everyone that preparing for emergencies and disasters can keep them, their families, and their communities safe. Starting a conversation today can help you and your family to take more actions to prepare. By taking simple steps, you can build your preparedness at your own pace.



**Sheltering in place:** Gather essential supplies for at least 1 week: non-perishable food, water, first aid kit, medicines, batteries, books, puzzles and games for children, and special dietary needs.  
- Place these items in a to-go bag in the event of an evacuation, along with all important financial, medical, and household documents.

**Evacuating:** Choose several evacuation routes and make practice runs on each route. Distinguish a safe meet-up point for the entire family to reunite.



**Communication:** How will you get in touch with each other during a disaster? Have external cell phone chargers ready to go. Text messages are more likely to reach family members than phone calls.

Include your furry friends in your plans. Make sure to store enough pet food and water, a collar with ID tags, and an extra leash. Pack a pet's favorite toys and treats, and keep a picture of your pet printed out in case you become separated.



## Georgia's Natural Disasters

### Severe Thunderstorms and Flash Flooding

The most common type of natural disasters in Georgia are thunderstorms that can cause widespread damage, crippling communities across the state.

### Tropical Storms and Hurricanes

Georgia is vulnerable to storms and hurricanes that form in the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico.

### Tornadoes

In the last half century, more than 1,450 tornadoes were reported in Georgia, including 25 in 2013.

### Wildfires

Wildfires spread quickly and change direction rapidly, igniting brush, trees, and homes.

### Winter Storms

Winter storms, which often affect north Georgia, result in extreme cold, downed powerlines and blocked roads and highways.

For more information, visit the following site: <https://www.ready.gov/>



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