

Don't Wait. Communicate.

Make Your Family Emergency Plan Today.

Ensure that everyone in your household downloads the free FEMA app.

(NAPSA)—The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) urges Americans to take a few simple actions to prepare for a wide array of hazards by developing a family emergency communication plan and downloading the FEMA app.

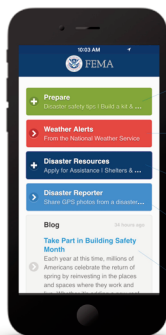
FEMA is encouraging people to take these actions in conjunction with America's PrepareAthon!SM, a grassroots, community-based campaign for action designed to increase preparedness and resilience.

One of the ways to protect your family and prepare for an emergency is to start with good communication. A family emergency communication plan is critical to making sure the entire family knows whom to contact, how to reach each other, and where to meet up in an emergency.

Visit ready.gov/prepare and download Be Smart. Take Part: Create Your Family Emergency Communication Plan. Collect the information you need, decide on the places where you will meet in case of an emergency, share the information with your family and practice your plan. In addition:

- Create or update a wallet card with emergency numbers and an out-of-town point of contact. Make sure everyone in your family has their own card to carry with them.
- Know your community's plans for evacuation and the evacuation route where you live.

Another way to protect your family is to ensure that everyone in your household downloads the FEMA app for disaster resources,



- ✓ Get tips to survive natural disasters, customize your emergency checklist, and save meeting locations
- ⚡ Receive alerts from the National Weather Service
- ⊕ Locate open shelters and Disaster Recovery Centers, and apply for assistance
- 📷 Upload and share your disaster photos
- 💬 Stay connected on social media and the FEMA blog



weather alerts and safety tips. The app provides a customizable checklist of emergency supplies, tips on how to survive natural and manmade disasters, and weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations anywhere in the United States. In addition, with the app you can:

- Share disaster damage photos on a verified photo-sharing platform.
- Get directions to open shelters and find out where you can talk to FEMA in person.
- Receive reminders to check your smoke alarm and replace the batteries.

Download the FEMA app for free on the iTunes App Store and Google Play (available in English and Spanish).

Visit the America's PrepareAthon! website at ready.gov/prepare to download the Be Smart. Take Part: Create Your Family Emergency Communication Plan and visit fema.gov/mobile-app for more information about the FEMA app.