

## Make a Plan

We all have a role to play in emergency and disaster preparedness. By taking a few simple steps you can become better prepared for what is within your control. Don't forget to include your pets when you're making your household plan!

- Know the risks that you need to plan for
- Have conversations with the people around you so that you can be ready to support one another
- Identify emergency contacts to help your loved ones stay connected
- Plan safe locations to reduce the confusion and stress during an emergency
- Be aware of utility shut off valves and the procedures for turning them off to help protect your property.

When individuals are prepared to the best of their ability, first responders can focus on the emergency and assist those who need the help most.