



# Preparing for Emergencies

The Department of Public Utilities plans and prepares for all types of emergencies, including severe weather, critical power failures, flooding, hazardous spills, and source water issues.

## What we do to prepare:

- **We prepare** to respond to emergencies of all types in concert with the Ohio EMA, Lucas County EMA, Toledo-Lucas County Health Department, and the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio, among others.
- **We train** and coordinate communication through the use of the National Incident Management System, designed to help the private and public sectors work together to prevent, respond to, and recover from incidents, regardless of cause, size, location or complexity. This means that we can access state and federal resources more quickly in the event they are needed.
- **We collaborate** to provide multi-agency training for spill prevention and response (In 2018, we trained more than 350 city, state, federal, and private industry employees for the 8-Hour OSHA HazWOpER Refresher, HazMAT IQ, and Emergency Response Awareness, among other courses made possible through a grant from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.)
- **We invest** in needed infrastructure at the water treatment plant and in the distribution system to maintain safe, high-quality drinking water for our region.

## What you can do to prepare:

- **Read up** on emergency preparedness information on the websites listed below.
- **Sign up** to receive emergency text alerts through [www.lucascountyalerts.com](http://www.lucascountyalerts.com).
- **Stock up** and keep a 3 to 7 day supply of the items below on hand. (*Basic list for any emergency.*)
- **Listen up** to local television and radio stations for official updates during any emergency event.

## **Shopping List:**

Canned fruit, vegetables, meat, tuna, juice

1-2 gallons of water per person per day

Ready to eat snacks, such as crackers

2-3 garbage bags per person per day

Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues

Paper plates, cups, bowls, plastic utensils

Soap, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, bleach

Medicines, medical supplies, toiletries

Thermometer, aspirin, acetaminophen

Manual can opener

Flashlight, batteries, portable radio

**For Babies:** diapers, wipes, baby food, formula

**For Pets:** pet food and supplies

## **Helpful Websites:**

[www.lucascountyalerts.com](http://www.lucascountyalerts.com)

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

[www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/plan](http://www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/plan)

[www.lucascountyhealth.com](http://www.lucascountyhealth.com)

[www.hcno.org](http://www.hcno.org)

**Thank You!**