



News from Livingston County, NY

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Have You Prepared for Disasters?

Mount Morris, NY – National Preparedness Month (NPM) is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster planning now and throughout the year. As our nation continues to respond to COVID-19, there is no better time to be prepared. As part of the Annual Emergency Preparedness Month, this week the Livingston County Department of Health and the Livingston County Office of Emergency Management is sharing information to help you “Prepare for Disasters”.

It is vital that individuals and families understand their personal roles in preparing for disasters and emergencies, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. By taking action now, it will limit the impacts that disasters have on you and your family in the future. Know the risk of disasters in your area and check your insurance coverage. Learn how to make your home safe from disasters, including storms, and act fast if you receive a local warning or alert.

It is important to learn how to get emergency alerts for your area and know where you would go if you and your family need to evacuate. Make sure your family has a plan and practices it often.

For more information, visit <https://www.ready.gov/alerts>. In addition, the New York Citizen Preparedness Training is an online option which teaches residents about the tools and resources available to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly, and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. This free training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or man-made disaster, developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies. To participate in this online training, please register at <https://prepare.ny.gov/online-citizen-preparedness-training>.

As part of National Emergency Preparedness Month, we are continuing our ongoing recruitment of Livingston County Medical Reserve Corps volunteers. Our Medical Reserve Corps consist of locally based professional medical and non-medical volunteers who are prepared to assist our communities during emergencies, such as an influenza epidemic, a chemical spill, or an act of terrorism. We will hold an informational session on September 21, 2020 at 7 p.m. This session will allow those interested community members to receive further information and the ability to ask questions and learn how to join our Livingston County Medical Reserve Corp.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and residents of Livingston County. Please send an email to sladley@co.livingston.ny.us with an e-mail address so we can send you Zoom log-on information.

If you have any questions about emergency preparedness, please contact the Livingston County Department of Health at 585-243-7524, Office of Emergency Management at 585-243-7160 or visit our website at www.livingstoncounty.us/doh.htm.

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