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## BE PREPARED WHEN DISASTER HITS, VISIT READYWAKE! TODAY

In coordination with numerous National and State agencies, Wake County is encouraging residents to “Be Aware and Prepare,” for unexpected disasters now, using its ReadyWake! preparedness tips.

“The ReadyWake! program offers tips and resources to the citizens of Wake County on how to prepare for and respond to both natural and man-made disasters such as hurricanes, floods, wildfires and chemical emergencies,” said Wake County Emergency Management Director Josh Creighton. “ReadyWake! Offers tips and resources to help citizens stay alert, prepared and informed.”

Some ReadyWake! tips include how to:

- Prepare a plan if you must leave your home in case of emergency,
- Decide how you will contact family members if separated, and who will be your emergency contacts,
- Pick a meeting place away from home where your family can go if separated,
- Identify persons with disabilities and special needs and prepare what they may need, and
- Prepare a home emergency kit with essential items and check it every six months.

September is [National Preparedness Month](#). The campaign is sponsored by the [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) and aims to educate the public on the importance of taking action and being prepared for a possible disaster. In North Carolina, the monthly campaign will focus on how to “Be Aware and Prepare.”

For more preparedness tips, guides and information, follow [@ReadyWake](#) on Twitter and visit [readywake.com](http://readywake.com).

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