

Preparing for Emergencies

Storms, flooding, tornadoes, blizzards, illness....these are events that we all face at one time or another. codeReady is the name of a new effort to get Minnesota ready for crises and emergencies - big or small.

Wright County Public Health is promoting codeReady to county residents. "We want individuals and families in Minnesota to be ready for an emergency – with a plan and emergency supplies," according to Christine Austin-Roehler, Public Health Spokesperson.

codeReady means being ready for many different kinds of emergencies including:

- .. Floods, tornados and other natural disasters
- .. Pandemic flu and other major public health emergencies
- .. Chemical spills or nuclear incidents
- .. Intentional acts of destruction, including terrorism

A newly created state website includes tools that families can use to:

- .. Create an individual emergency plan, including a communication plan, and build a custom kit of emergency supplies
- .. Learn more about individual, family and community emergency preparedness
- .. Link to web resources maintained by codeReady's many partners

Start your personal emergency plan today by going to www.codeReady.org

And...Stop at the Public Health WOW Van during the Wright County Fair July 25 – 29 in Howard Lake to pick up information on emergency planning for families. Register for an Emergency Radio to be given away. The Public Health display will include a hand washing area where you can clean your hands after petting the animals and before you eat.

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