



Ready PA Monthly - September 2022



## It's National Preparedness Month!

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM) and this year's theme is, "A Lasting Legacy: The life you've built is worth protecting. Prepare for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family."

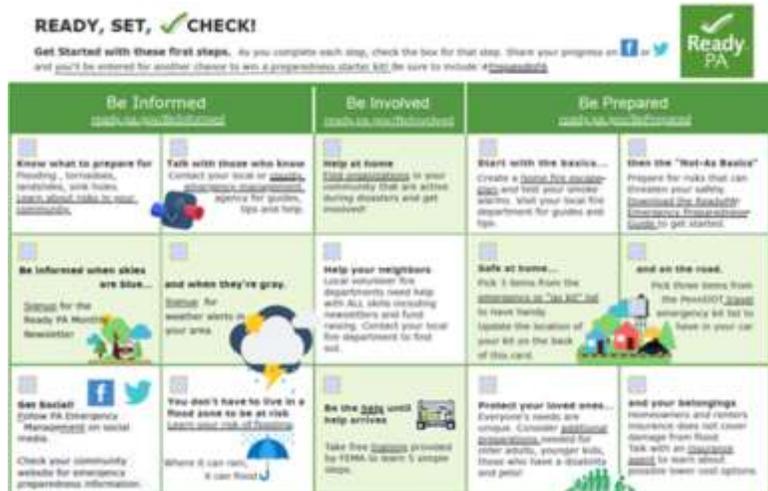
This year, you can get involved by signing up for your Ready PA, Ready, Set, Check! card.

When you sign up, you'll receive the card in your email.

The front of the card has simple - and important - ways to protect you, your family and loved ones. Include information on the back of the card and you have a tool that's ready when you are, when disaster strikes.

AND, when you sign up to receive the card, you'll also be entered in a random drawing for a Ready PA Preparedness Starter Kit.

Click the link below to sign up to receive the Ready, Set, Check! card.



[Yes! I want to download the Ready, Set, Check! card](#)



“But it’s never flooded here.”  
Know your risks and how to get started.

Did you know that standard homeowners or renters insurance does not cover damage from flooding? Recent flooding in Kentucky is a sobering example of how quickly disasters bring a stark reminder of the difference between life and death, and how overwhelming and prolonged the recovery process can be. Last summer, when the remnants of Tropical Storm Ida ripped through Pennsylvania, we saw thousands of properties damaged from flooding. And many

families didn't have the insurance needed to help them recover. In fact, a frequent comment emergency managers hear is, "I didn't think I needed flood insurance" or "But it's never flooded here."

Pennsylvania is a varied state in terms of population, terrain, economies, and threats. Almost 75% of the counties in Pennsylvania are rural. However, Pennsylvania is also home to the 5th largest city in the United States. Preparedness also varies throughout the state because of this diversity. Rural communities often focus on self-reliance and being self-sufficient during emergencies or disasters due to the limited resources available to them on a regular basis. Conversely, in urban environments, the focus is on awareness of resources available to them before and during emergencies and disasters.

You can – and should – know your risks. You can visit FEMA Flood Maps and the National Risk Index to get a sense of reported risks for your community. However, that's not the whole story...

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Access the Ready PA, NPM [Social Media Toolkit](#).