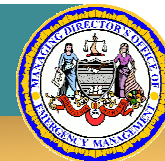




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# Make Your Vehicle Winter Ready

Before driving this winter make sure it is safe to operate. Check that the brakes, battery, hoses and belts are in good condition. Regularly check your vehicle to make sure that:

- Fluid levels are full.
- Wiper blades don't streak. Install winter wiper blades.
- Heater and defroster are working properly.
- Radio is working, so you can receive weather updates, road conditions and traffic reports.
- All lights are working.
- Tires are properly inflated and have sufficient tread. (Consider installing snow tires or carry a set of tire chains.)

Now is also a good time to make sure that your vehicle is ready for an emergency with these essentials:

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Battery-operated or wind-up radio
- Jumper cables
- Emergency flares
- Fluorescent distress flag
- Tow chains or rope
- Cell phone and charger
- First-aid kit

When driving in the winter, it's a good idea to include a few more supplies, such as:

- Warm clothing, hats and mittens
- Blankets
- Ice scraper
- Snow shovel
- Road salt and sand
- Snacks (granola or energy bars)
- Bottled water
- Any special needs, such as medication, baby supplies, pet food

For more information on emergency preparedness, visit the Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management at [www.phila.gov/ready](http://www.phila.gov/ready). You can also follow PhilaOEM on Twitter, Facebook, Google+, LinkedIn, MySpace, Blogspot or YouTube.

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Local officials can notify you quickly about emergencies through ReadyNotifyPA, the region's emergency text and email alert system.

To find out first and stay informed, sign up for emergency alerts at [www.ReadyNotifyPA.org](http://www.ReadyNotifyPA.org), text PHILA to 411911 or scan the code below with your mobile device.

In addition to these alerts, you can choose to get health and weather alerts, SEPTA service interruptions, transportation delays, and police alerts from your local police district.

The choice is yours. You can choose what alerts to get and how to be notified—by text or email.

You can sign up for alerts from Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties.

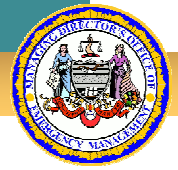
The alerts are free; however, your cellular provider may charge for text messaging.

Scan here to automatically sign up for Philadelphia alerts





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# Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Meetings

The Managing Director's Office of Emergency Management invites the public to learn about the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan being developed for Philadelphia.

The Office of Emergency Management will hold a series of meetings from mid-December through mid-February throughout Philadelphia to rollout the various phases of the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

Wednesday, February 8  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Free Library of Philadelphia – Central Branch**  
1901 Vine Street, Main Lobby

Thursday, February 16  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Salvation Army, Tabernacle Corps.**  
3150 N. Mascher Street

## Employment Opportunities at OEM

If you are interested in a career in emergency management, planning, grant administration and operations, or public information, the Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management has the following jobs and internships available for qualified applicants:

- **Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Program Manager**
  - Submit your cover letter and resume to: [DotJobs@phila.gov](mailto:DotJobs@phila.gov)
- **Grants Administration and Operations Specialist**
  - Submit your cover letter, resume and writing sample (showing your ability to write a plan, policy or report-style document) to: [samantha.phillips@phila.gov](mailto:samantha.phillips@phila.gov)
- **Health and Medical Planning Coordinator**
  - Submit your cover letter, resume and writing sample (showing your ability to write a plan, policy or report-style document) to: [april.geruso@phila.gov](mailto:april.geruso@phila.gov)
- **External Affairs Intern (Unpaid)**
  - Submit your cover letter, resume, three writings samples (press releases, news articles, business correspondence) and present Grade Point Average (GPA) to: [joan.przybylowicz@phila.gov](mailto:joan.przybylowicz@phila.gov)

The complete job description, qualifications and requirements for each of the above positions can be found on the Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management website, [www.phila.gov/ready](http://www.phila.gov/ready). Click on the **About OEM** section of the site and select **Job Opportunities** from the left menu bar.

You can also use the direct link to the **Job Opportunities** page of the website: <http://oem.readyphiladelphia.org/Jobs>.

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