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## **Resolve to Be Ready in 2012!**

Are you and your family prepared for an emergency? If you had to stay in your home for a few days, would you have what you need to stay safe, comfortable and healthy? If you had to leave your home suddenly, without time to pack anything, would you be ready to go? The time to start planning for an emergency is not in the middle of one. In an emergency, you're either **READY** or you're not.

Being prepared for emergencies is easy to do by following three steps:

- Make a Family Emergency Plan
- Prepare a Go Bag and Shelter-in-Place Kit
- Be informed about the types of emergencies and appropriate responses.

Learn how to prepare your family for any type of emergency by visiting the Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management at [www.phila.gov/ready](http://www.phila.gov/ready), or by calling 3-1-1 to request the Ready Philadelphia brochures in English, Spanish, Traditional Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Polish, and Russian.

To stay informed of emergencies, register for ReadyNotifyPA, the region's emergency text and email alert system. Visit [www.phila.gov/ready](http://www.phila.gov/ready) and click on the ReadyNotifyPA logo, and follow the registration instructions. You will have the option to select SEPTA transportation alerts, PennDOT Traffic alerts, alerts from the Philadelphia Police, the National Weather Service, and the other surrounding counties. The notifications are free; however, your mobile provider may charge for text messaging.

For additional information on emergency preparedness, visit [www.phila.gov/ready](http://www.phila.gov/ready), read the PhilaOEM Blog at [www.philaoem.blogspot.com](http://www.philaoem.blogspot.com), watch the YouTube Channel, [www.youtube.com/philaoem](http://www.youtube.com/philaoem) or follow PhilaOEM on Twitter, Facebook, Google+, LinkedIn and MySpace.

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