

## WeatherReady Checklist: Individual / Family

### I. Getting Started: Awareness and Education

- ☐ These will be your initial goals and responsibilities:
  - Monitor for developing weather threats (some times days in advance) and communicate potential hazards with members of your family.
  - Disseminate important weather information through the family.
  - Ensure weather response plans you will develop are activated when triggered.
  - Review: “[Being Weather Ready](#)”
  - Review: “[Be a Force of Nature](#)” from the Weather Ready Nation (WRN) website.
  - Watch: [Introduction to the NWS Baltimore/Washington Office](#) – 4 minute video

### II. Develop a Severe Weather Plan for You and Your Family

- ☐ Go to this [Red Cross site](#) to develop a family disaster plan.  
Make sure your plan is written down:
  - Go thru the weather threats listed [here](#).
    - Would the plan you developed cover all of these weather threats?
    - Click on the individual hazards. Would the warnings for any of these trigger actions from you and your family?
    - Make any necessary edits/additions. And add any triggers that would activate parts of your plan.
  - Ensure your plan contains the following
    - An evacuation plan.
    - List contacts of people to notify.
    - Update phone numbers of police, fire, utilities, hospitals, etc.
    - A stock of supplies (ready-to stay kit) if you need to stay home for an extended period.
    - A way to monitor conditions to determine what course of action is necessary.
    - Establish the safest places in your home (or near your home, if none) to shelter.

### III. Know How to Receive Weather Watches and Warnings

- ☐ Have multiple ways of receiving weather forecasts and warning information. Include ways that don't rely on the internet or power since they may be lost. These may include:
  - A [NOAA Weather Radio](#) with battery backup. This can be used to monitor the weather when needed, but also alerts you when a vital warning has been issued for your county or independent city.
  - Bookmarked list of weather Internet sites including [www.weather.gov/washington](http://www.weather.gov/washington).
  - Battery powered AM / FM radio.
  - Acquire a smart phone app to receive NWS Watches/Warnings and Advisories. Search your app store for “Weather Warnings” or similar.

#### **IV. Review your Weather Ready plan once per year.**

- Routinely review your 'Weather Ready' plan once per year.
  - Ensure severe weather preparedness and disaster plans are current.
  - Update your list & bookmarks of weather web sites.
  - Conduct a weather drill to practice your weather threat response plans. Test a different weather threat each year.
  - Update all contact lists, phone number and email lists.