

In the wake of disasters like Hurricane Harvey and Irma and even recent earthquakes and wildfires you may have questioned your own emergency plans. I know we have.

With two sons off at college and family scattered all over the country the recent disasters have made me think quite seriously about our own plans.

If you don't have a comprehensive plan in place to deal with unpredictable events or you have one but haven't reviewed it lately it is probably time to dust it off. Thanks to the public service website [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov), putting an emergency plan in place to help protect your family may be a lot easier than you think.

Ready.gov not only provides advice and guidance on creating an emergency supply kit and finding information on evacuation routes near you, but offers tools and publications you can download, including an Emergency Supply List and a template for developing a Family Emergency Communication Plan. The website also offers these and other tips to help you prepare for and remain informed during a local or national emergency:

- Build an emergency supply kit
- Make a family emergency communication plan
- Sign up for mobile alerts and warnings in your area
- Select a designated meeting place for family members
- Learn your evacuation zone and develop an evacuation plan
- Note the location of designated emergency shelters near you and which shelters accept pets, if applicable

Find out more at [www.ready.gov/make-a-plan](http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan). If you'd like to discuss ways to help ensure you're financially prepared for an emergency, contact me today at (816) 221-1606 to schedule a consultation.

Kindest Regards,

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