

Develop Household Emergency Plan/Kit

Overview

- Developing a household emergency plan with an emergency kit will help homeowners and renters better prepare for emergency situations including flooding.
- Having a household emergency plan and emergency kit may also help the resident save money on flood associated costs and may increase household resiliency to flood damage.
- Before creating an emergency plan, assess what threats are likely to affect your family and property (e.g. coastal flooding, hurricanes, wind, public health crises, etc.).
- Create your emergency plan with these potential threats in mind.
- Things to include in the emergency plan:
 - Evacuation plan
 - Flooding adaptation strategy implementation plan
 - Signing up for Delaware Emergency Notification System (DENS)
 - Safety procedures
 - Family communication plan
 - Emergency information and contacts
- Things to include in the emergency kit:
 - Emergency supplies: Flashlights, batteries, radios, First-Aid kit, medications, 3-day supply of nonperishable food, matches/lighter, one gallon of water per person per day, pet and baby care supplies, cash, blankets and towels, etc.
 - Evacuation kit: One gallon water per day per person, medications, 3-day supply of nonperishable food, health insurance card, cash, First-Aid kit, flashlights, portable radio, batteries, etc.
- Practice implementing the household emergency plan at least once per year.



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Key Takeaways

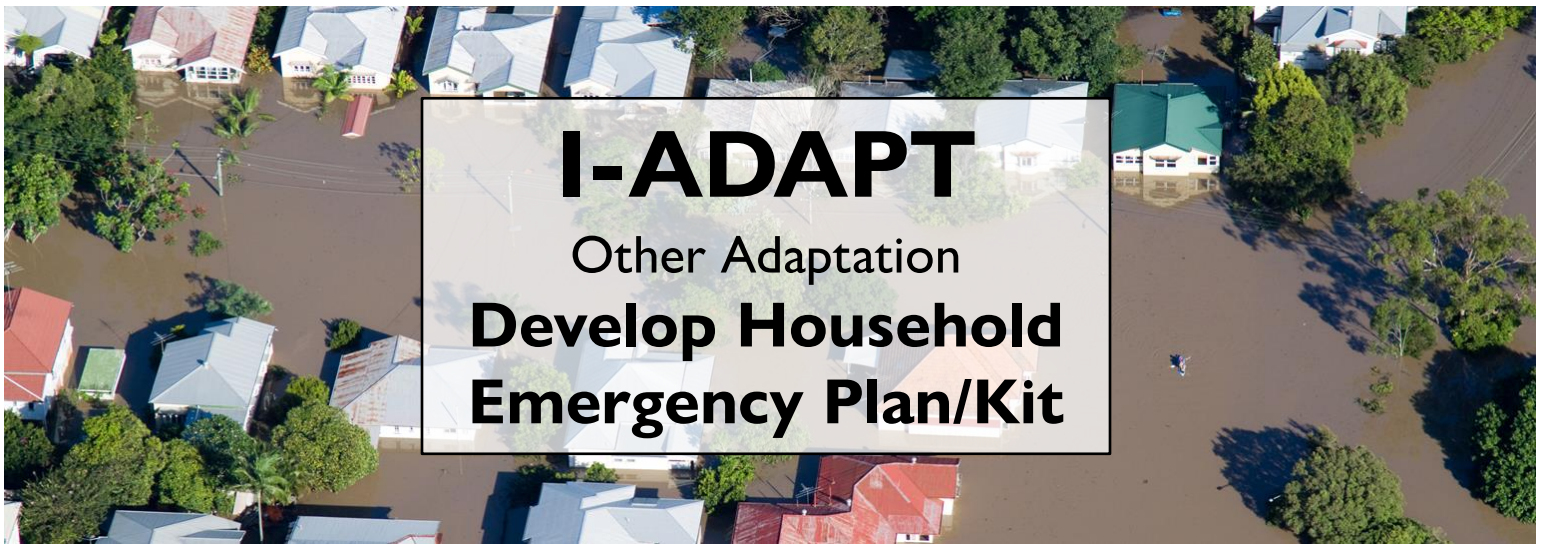
During flood events and other disasters, the health, safety, and welfare of Delawareans may be at risk.

When residents receive warning of emergency conditions, it is important that they are ready to respond quickly to better ensure their comfort, cost savings, and even survival.

In order to better prepare for emergency conditions such as flooding, develop a Household Emergency Plan and Kit for your family.



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Other Adaptation

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Estimated Costs/Benefits

*U.S. dollars (2022), estimates are subject to change

Potential Costs		Potential Benefits	
Item	Estimate	Post-Flood Recovery	Estimate
Emergency supplies (Flashlights, batteries, radios, First-Aid kit, medications, 3-day supply nonperishable food, matches/lighter, one gallon of water per person per day, pet and baby care supplies, cash, blankets and towels, etc.)	\$200- \$400+	All family members survive the emergency	Immeasurable
Evacuation kit (One gallon water per day per person, medications, 3-day supply of nonperishable food, health insurance card, cash, First-Aid kit, flashlights, portable radio, etc.)	\$180- \$350+		
ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	\$380- \$750+	ESTIMATED TOTAL SAVINGS	Immeasurable

Additional Resources

- [Delaware Emergency Management Agency \(DEMA\)](#)
- [Delaware Emergency Notification System \(DENS\)](#)
- [Delaware Homeowner Handbook to Prepare for Natural Hazards](#)
- [Ready.gov](#)

Resources can also be found at <https://de.gov/iadapt>

Additional Actions

- Sign up for the Delaware Emergency Notification Systems (DENS).
- Consult with neighbors and/or the community regarding evacuation procedures if necessary.
- Implementation of any temporary flooding adaptation strategies.

Permitting Agencies

- No permits are required.

Expected Maintenance

- Update any changing information on the emergency contact list.
- Check that nonperishable foods in the kit have not expired once per year.
- Check that the portable radios and other technological devices are functioning properly once per year.

Who to Contact

- DEMA
- Your city or town officials

Technical definitions and more information are located on the I-ADAPT website: <https://de.gov/iadapt>.



This information is intended to be used for planning purposes. It is not intended to substitute or take precedence over the guidance of design engineers, contractors, utility companies or regulatory agencies.

For more information, contact DNREC's Division of Climate, Coastal and Energy at DNREC_IADAPT@Delaware.gov

