



NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

2021 WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

A hurricane cone covers most of Virginia five days out from the expected impact. Three days from now, a wave of powerful storms is expected to roll through your part of the state. Or perhaps a train of flooding tropical rain is roaring up the East Coast, and warnings have been issued.

Each of those cases presents a scary situation, but all allow at least a bit of time to prepare in advance.

But what happens when an unexpected disaster strikes? Would you know what to do in the event of a fast-moving tornado, an earthquake or a sudden structure collapse, for instance?

Would you be ready?

As we mark National Disaster Preparedness Month in September, now is the perfect time to get ready for a predicted - or an unexpected - disaster.



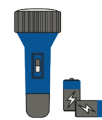
In 2016, a tornado tore through Essex County, catching residents off-guard and causing significant damage.

HERE IS WHERE TO START

Talk to your family well in advance of any potential major storm. Review evacuation plans. Do you have an alternate place to stay? Then, together begin the process of gathering essential items you might need during a long-term power outage.

Also visit KnowYourZoneVA.org to find your correct evacuation zone.

WHAT TO KEEP ON HAND



FLASHLIGHT & BATTERIES



WATER



FIRST-AID KIT



NONPERISHABLE FOOD



CAN OPENER

READY TO DO MORE?

See a complete list of how you and your family can start preparing today: myrec.coop/stormprep

Community Grants Application Nears

Emergency Services, Community and Education groups are encouraged to apply for a Community Grant from REC.

The deadline to apply is Oct. 15, 2021.

Each grant is meant to supplement - but not replace - state, local or other sources of funding for specific projects. Organizations seeking funding for a project that will benefit the Cooperative's membership are encouraged to participate in the grant program.



APPLY NOW
myrec.coop/grants

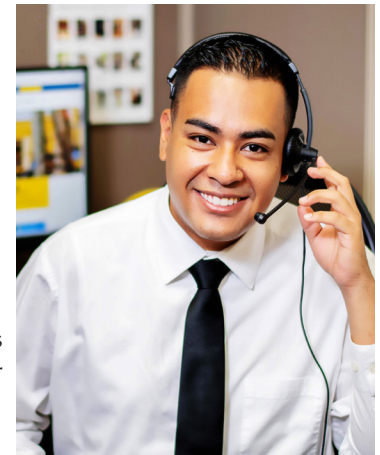
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*REC will award two \$5,000 grants
and four \$2,000 grants.*

Behind on Your Electric Bill? Call REC Today!

Virginia's COVID-19 State of Emergency has ended. As a result, the utility disconnection moratorium ended Aug. 29. **As of September, REC has resumed normal billing and payment processes.**

REC urges any members who are behind on their payments to contact the Member Services Team.



REC MEMBER SERVICES:
800-552-3904 or office@myrec.coop.

To see if you qualify for additional assistance, call your local department of social services or 211.

Again, we urge any member who is behind on their electric bill to contact us today to prevent a disconnection of service.



There's ALWAYS Time to Do it Safety

The trees and bushes are ready to go in the ground, and the bags of planting soil and mulch are nearby. All you need is a shovel, right?

Not so fast! Whether you are adding trees, shrubs, fencing, a deck or tackling some other outdoor projects that require you to dig, make sure you do so safely.

- √ **Click VA811.com to have underground utilities marked.**
- √ **Wait at least 3 business days to have your property marked.**
- √ **Dig knowing you and your neighbors will be safe.**



Check Your Air Filters

Check air filters at least once a month and clean or change as needed. REC's energy advisers recommend using filters with MERV ratings of six to eight. Make sure that the arrow on the filter - which indicates the direction of the airflow - is pointing toward the blower motor.

Find more energy-saving tips:
myrec.coop/save.