

PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2016

Texas leads the nation in major disaster declarations. In 2016, the state has endured four major disasters. September 2016 has been declared **Preparedness Month** in Texas and nationwide. The theme for the 2016 National Preparedness Month is: *Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today.*

In support of effort to promote awareness, preparedness and mitigation to help prevent and reduce loss of life and property, the City encourages development of an emergency plan for communicating with family and friends and knowing where to go in the instance of an evacuation. Learn how to assemble a [disaster supply kit](#) of important emergency supplies including a first aid kit, NOAA Weather Radio or battery-operated radio, flashlight, medication, non-perishable food items and bottled water.

For more information about Preparedness Month, please visit the Texas Department of Public Safety Emergency Management website page at <http://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/ThreatAwareness/nationalPrepAwareness.htm>. Social media users can follow the hashtag #NatlPrep to keep up with online preparedness conversations.