The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) Encourages People To Be Prepared in 2014

“During the past 12 months, people throughout Illinois have experienced historic flooding, tornadoes, wind storms, major snow storms, and extreme cold,” said IEMA Director Jonathon Monken. “We can’t stop these events from happening, but we can minimize the impact they have on our families by being better prepared. I encourage everyone to resolve to be ready in 2014.”

Monken said IEMA will focus on a different preparedness or safety topic each month, such as earthquakes, severe and winter weather, pets, school and campus, cyber security, and more.

One of the first steps toward emergency preparedness is an emergency supply kit stocked with basic survival items that are critical during an emergency, such as:

- One gallon of water per person per day (a minimum of a three-day supply)
- At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- First-aid kit
- Battery-operated radio, flashlight and extra batteries
- Items for children, seniors, pets, and household members with health or medical needs

IEMA maintains the Ready Illinois website at [www.Ready.Illinois.gov](http://www.Ready.Illinois.gov), a one-stop shop for preparedness information for a variety of hazards. In addition to information about steps people can take before emergencies happen, the Ready Illinois website also provides guidance on what to do during and after a disaster. The Ready Illinois site also provides situational updates and links to information on road conditions and closures, shelter locations, and more during major disasters. Preparedness information is also available through the Ready Illinois Facebook [www.facebook.com/ReadyIllinois](http://www.facebook.com/ReadyIllinois) and Twitter [www.twitter.com/ReadyIllinois](http://www.twitter.com/ReadyIllinois) pages.

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