



Farm Emergency Preparedness Plan

You can't predict when an emergency will occur, but you can be prepared. Planning ahead for hazardous situations—such as power outages, extreme weather conditions or injuries—could help protect your family and minimize the impact on your farming operations. Simply put - the best plan is to have a plan. This handout and the [Growing Safely Farm Emergency Preparedness video](#) on **Monsanto's Off-the-Job Safety YouTube Channel** will help you better prepare for the unexpected.

Before a Disaster or Emergency



- **Keep a list of emergency phone numbers.**
 - Your local and state veterinarian
 - County extension service
 - Local emergency management
 - Insurance agent
- **Stockpile supplies needed to protect the farm:**
 - Sandbags and plastic sheeting, in case of flood
 - Wire and rope to secure objects
 - Lumber and plywood to protect windows
 - Extra fuel for tractors and vehicles
 - Hand tools for preparation and recovery
 - Fire extinguishers in all barns and all vehicles
 - A safe supply of food to feed livestock
 - A gas powered generator
- **Identify areas (e.g., higher elevation) to relocate your assets, if needed.**
 - Livestock and horses
 - Equipment
 - Feed, grain, hay
 - Agrochemicals (pesticides, herbicides)
- **Prepare farm employees.**
 - Keep them informed of the farm's emergency plan; review it with them regularly.
 - Identify shelter-in-place or evacuation locations.
 - Establish a phone tree with contact information for all employees.
- **Know the warning signals for your area.**
 - Learn the warning systems for your community.
 - Are you able to hear or see the appropriate warning from your farm?
- **Stay alert for emergency broadcasts.**
 - Emergency Alert System broadcasts on radio or television
 - NOAA weather radio alerts
 - News sources – radio, television, internet
- **Put together an emergency supply kit for your family.**
 - See an example of an emergency kit [here](#)
- **Draw a farm site map and indicate:**
 - Buildings and structures
 - Access routes (e.g., roads, lanes)
 - Barriers (fences, gates)
 - Locations of livestock
 - Locations of all hazardous substances
 - Electrical shutoff locations, etc.
- **Make a list of your farm inventory, include:**
 - Livestock (species, number of animals)
 - Crops (acres, type)
 - Machinery and equipment (make, model #)
 - Hazardous substances (e.g., pesticides, fertilizers, fuels, medicines, other chemicals)

For More Information

Visit <https://www.nal.usda.gov/>

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Farm Emergency Contact Form

General Preparedness

Police	Local/Farm Veterinarian
Fire	State Veterinarian
Ambulance	Cooperative Extension Service
County Emergency Management Office	Livestock Shipper
Neighbors	Grain Hauler
Out of State Contact	Fuel Supplier
American Red Cross	Milk Hauler
Power Company	Homeowner's Insurance Policy Agent: Company: Policy Number:
Gas Company	Farm Insurance Policy Company: Policy Number:
Water Company	Flood Insurance Policy Company: Policy Number:
Disaster Hotline	Wind and/or Hail Insurance Policy Company: Policy Number:
County Public Health Department	
Poison Control Center	

For more information and resources, see www.Prepare4AgThreats.org

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