

Fulton County Focus

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March is Severe Weather Awareness Month

Are You Prepared?

A little planning can go a long way when a disaster strikes.

Based on data, Fulton County's top three threats include:

Flooding (high risk), Severe Storms (high risk), Tornadoes, Droughts and Hazardous Spills (Medium Risk)

Take the time to put together a basic disaster kit:

- 1 gallon of water, per person, per day for 3 days
- 3 Day supply of food, non-perishable
- Radio and NOAA Weather Radios with extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask
- Moist Toilettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger (paper list with contacts in case of water damage or lack of service)
- Daily use medications, or current medication list

For other tips and information on how to be prepared during any disaster, visit the Fulton County EMA site at www.fultoncountyoh.com/ema or www.ready.ohio.gov



Spring is here, and although thunderstorms occur year round, they are most often prevalent in Northwest Ohio during the spring and summer months. Thunderstorms can produce damaging winds, deadly lightening, large hail, flash flooding and tornadoes. Also, effects of extreme heat can be exacerbated by power outages caused by these storms.

The National Weather Service (NWS) is responsible for issuing severe weather watches, warnings and advisories to alert the public when dangerous weather conditions are expected.

Watch -A weather watch means there is the potential or conditions exist for a dangerous weather event.

Warning– A weather warning means that a dangerous weather event is imminent.

Immediate actions must be taken to protect life and property.

Advisory– A weather advisory means weather conditions that are less serious than a warning are imminent. These events may cause a significant inconvenience, and if caution is not exercised, it could lead to a situation that may be threatening to life and property. Visit the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness's website for further information:

www.weathersafety.ohio.gov/springsummerweatherterms.aspx

Receive Severe Weather Alerts via text or email by visiting www.fultoncountyoh.com/notifyme

April is Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness Month

Fulton County Job & Family Services Children's Services Unit encourages all residents of Fulton County to take an active role in making our community a safe place for families and children. In 2017, there were **1048** allegations with **279** screened in for investigation. Child abuse and neglect is preventable and, with education and awareness efforts, it may be reduced.

In effort to promote awareness within Fulton County, Job and Family Services encourages the community to join Fulton County employees and others throughout the state to wear blue on Wednesday, April 11th, 2018.

Send your photos to be posted on Social Media to Toni Schindler, tschindler@fultoncountyoh.com, or to the county's Facebook or Twitter pages to show your support.

Follow Fulton County's Facebook, Twitter or Job and Family Services website to receive resources, tips and information on preventing child abuse and neglect.

Commissioners Corner Interview



CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT AWARENESS



AN INTERVIEW WITH
CRYSTALINA BATDORF,
JOB & FAMILY CHILDREN'S
SERVICES SUPERVISOR

Fulton County

Listen to a recent radio interview with Crystalina Batdorf, Children's Services Supervisor on child abuse and neglect and community resources.

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