

FAA Severe Weather Preparedness

Designated Agency Safety & Health Official (DASHO)

Severe Weather

Severe weather is a continuous issue that everyone should be prepared for based on their location and the weather conditions. DASHO is promoting awareness throughout the FAA to help you prepare for any potential severe weather events. During severe weather conditions, issues including high winds, flooding, heavy downpour, power outages, and damage to property may occur. DASHO aims to ensure FAA employees are prepared for severe weather events at home and in the workplace.

Terms to Know

Emergency Action Plan (EAP) – A plan in place that includes evacuation routes, emergency actions, shelter in place locations, and information on where to meet and who to contact in the event of an emergency.

Emergency Supplies – Emergency supplies and items located in a single location that can be quickly picked up in the event of an emergency. Emergency supplies should include rations, ID, and emergency gear. Check supplies every 6 months to ensure adequate stock and replace expired items.

National Weather Service – An organization under NOAA that provides up-to-date information on weather events and distributes advisories in the event of a weather emergency.

www.weather.gov.

Ready.gov – A FEMA website with useful information regarding multiple emergency events and information on how to prepare for them. www.ready.gov.

How to Prepare for Severe Weather and More Information

- **Emergency Supplies:** Put together emergency supplies that will help you prepare for severe weather events. Keep emergency supplies in the home and in your vehicle in the event your vehicle becomes disabled or is unable to travel due to severe weather conditions. Visit www.ready.gov/build-a-kit.
- **Emergency Plan:** Prior to severe weather events, it's important to identify evacuation routes in your area and to determine any areas with a potential for flooding surrounding your home. Find more information on flood zones for your area by using the [FEMA Flood Map Service](#). Ensure you plan and practice for each weather emergency that may affect your area by creating an Emergency plan. [FEMA Severe Weather site](#).
- **Preparing the Home:** During severe storms, there are concerns involving flooding, power outages and high winds carrying objects. When selecting a room to shelter-in-place, try to avoid windows or board them up in the event of high winds. Ensure your pumps for removing water are functioning properly and have back-up power. Be ready to check for water damage and mold after the severe weather has subsided.
- **Engine Generator Safety:** During severe weather conditions, power outages may occur. When outages occur, many may use Engine Generators (EGs). Visit [Government Energy Guidance site](#) for more information. When using an EG it important to remember the following safety rules:
 - Never use EGs indoors.
 - EGs must remain at least 20 ft. away from the nearest entrance or window when in use.
 - Ensure all CO detectors are working properly prior to using an EG.

Severe Weather Preparedness Checklist:

- Water
- Canned Food and Non-Perishables
- Hand Crank Radio
- Flashlight
- Spare Batteries
- Communication Devices
- Property & Insurance Documents
- Cash (Small Denominations)
- First Aid Supplies
- Prescription Medicine
- Spare Clothes
- Utility Gear



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