

## **BE INFORMED**

### **Learn what disasters or emergencies may occur in your area**

These events can range from those affecting only you and your family, like a home fire or medical emergency, to those affecting your entire community.

- Hurricane
- Tsunami
- Earthquake
- Volcanic Eruption
- Dam Failure
- Flood
- Landslide
- Tornado
- Hazardous Material Spill
- Terrorism

### **Identify how local authorities will notify you during a disaster**

How you will get information, whether through local radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio stations or channels. Civil Defense may sound sirens in your neighborhood to notify the public of a Tsunami or Hurricane warning and the potential need to evacuate.

### **Know what actions to take to protect your self during disasters**

For example, if you travel to a place where earthquakes are common and you are not familiar with them, make sure you know what to do to protect yourself should one occur.

### **Get Trained**

When a major disaster occurs, your community can change in an instant. Loved ones may be hurt and emergency response is likely to be delayed. Make sure that at least one member of your household is trained in first aid and CPR and knows how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED). This training is useful in many emergency situations. Share what you have learned with your family, household and neighbors and encourage them to be informed.