

## 1 Pack an Emergency Kit

Having an emergency supply kit is key to being prepared! Work with everyone in your family to pack one. Make sure to include a change of clothing for each family member, toiletries, medicine, some cash, and other essentials. Be sure to include a battery-powered weather radio so you can receive emergency information and updates. Keep at least half a tank of gas in your vehicle. Don't forget about your pets! Gather food, water, and medicine for at least three days.

## 2 Create an Emergency Plan

Create an emergency plan or a family plan coordinated with your loved ones. Know where to meet up if your home is damaged, and make sure you know the phone numbers of important parties and family members. When planning, make a list of your valuable belongings. Keep records (written, photo, or even video) of what you have in case your home is ever damaged or destroyed. Don't forget about important documents!

## 3 Learn about Fire Prevention

October 8-14 is national Fire Prevention Week, so be sure to prepare your home in case of a fire! Have a fire extinguisher on every level of your home and know how to use it.

Install smoke alarms and CO detectors in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Test your alarms and detectors monthly, and replace the entire alarm/detector every ten years.

Make a fire escape plan for your home, and make sure all tenants have it memorized. To learn more about fire prevention and safety, visit [nfpa.org](https://www.nfpa.org)



## 4 Sign up for Emergency Alerts

Visit [northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify](https://northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify) to sign up for not only emergency alerts, but also weekly e-newsletters from the Village. Include your current home address and phone numbers for emergency notifications such as tornado warnings =, police activity, missing persons, and road closures. Call 847-664-4040 if you don't have internet access or need assistance getting signed up. If we can't reach you, we can't notify you!

On Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 10am, there will be a Village-wide Northbrook Notify Test. When the test is activated, residents who signed up for emergency alerts will receive a notification via email, text, and/or phone call with a message indicating "This is a test of Northbrook Notify system. No further action is needed."

## 5 Change your Clocks & Batteries

When you change your clocks back one hour for Daylight Saving Time on Monday, November 6, take the opportunity to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and CO detectors.

## 6 Protect your Home from Flooding

Keep your sump pump in working condition and check/replace batteries on a regular basis. Sump pumps are designed to remove water from around the foundation of a building and can help prevent basement flooding. Move important papers and other valuables to upper floors.

Have your downspouts deposit water from your gutters right at ground level instead of going to an underground pipe, which reduces the chances of inundating the system and causing flooding. Also keep storm drains near your home clear of debris.

Install a standpipe, backflow prevention device, or overhead sanitary sewer to help prevent surcharging sanitary sewers from backing up. The Village has an overhead sanitary sewer cost-sharing program. For information, visit [northbrook.il.us/5050program](https://northbrook.il.us/5050program) or call 847-664-4050.

Proper maintenance of your property's grading can help prevent and manage flooding issues, such as stormwater runoff, for both your neighbors and yourself. Learn more about flood prevention and protection at [ready.gov/floods](https://ready.gov/floods).