

Household Natural Hazards Preparedness Questionnaire

Thank you for taking time to answer this questionnaire and participating in the Mitigation process. This questionnaire is designed to help Madison County gauge household preparedness for disasters and knowledge of tools and techniques that assist in reducing risk and loss from natural hazards. The information you provide about your needs for disaster preparedness will help improve public/private coordination of preparedness and risk reduction activities within the state. We ask that you please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire.

NATURAL HAZARD INFORMATION

1. In the past five years have you or someone in your household experienced a natural disaster such as a Tornado, severe thunderstorm, flood, or other type of natural disaster?

___ Yes

___ No (IF NO Skip to Question 2)

- 1.1 If (“YES”) which of these natural disasters have you or someone in your household experienced?

(Please check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Flooding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Earthquake
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local Drainage Problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pandemic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tornados	<input type="checkbox"/>	Foreign Animal Disease
<input type="checkbox"/>	Severe Thunder Storm	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mine Subsidence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Winter Storm	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dam Failure
<input type="checkbox"/>	Heat Wave	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

2. How concerned are you personally about the following natural disasters effecting Madison County?

Natural Disaster	Extremely Concerned	Very Concerned	Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Concerned
Flooding	___1	___2	___3	___4	___5
Local Drainage Problems	___1	___2	___3	___4	___5
Tornados	___1	___2	___3	___4	___5
Severe Thunder Storms	___1	___2	___3	___4	___5
Winter Storms	___1	___2	___3	___4	___5
Heat Wave	___1	___2	___3	___4	___5
Earthquake	___1	___2	___3	___4	___5
Pandemic	___1	___2	___3	___4	___5
Foreign Animal Disease	___1	___2	___3	___4	___5
Mine Subsidence	___1	___2	___3	___4	___5
Dam Failure	___1	___2	___3	___4	___5
Other _____	___1	___2	___3	___4	___5

3. Have you ever received information about how to make your family and home safer from natural disasters?

Yes

No (If NO Skip to Question 4)

3.1 If Yes, how recently?

Within the last 6 months

Between 2 and 5 years

Between 6 and 12 months

5 years or more

Between 1 and 2 years

3.2 From whom did you last receive information about how to make your family and home safer from natural disasters? (Please check one)

News Media

American Red Cross

Government Agency

Other non-profit organization

Insurance agent or company

Not sure

Utility company

Other _____

4. Who would you most trust to provide you with information about how to make your family and home safer from natural disasters? (Please check all that apply)

News Media

American Red Cross

Government Agency

Other non-profit organization

Insurance agent or company

Not sure

Utility company

Other _____

University or research institution

5. What is the most effective way for you to receive information about how to make your family and home safer from natural disasters? (Please check all that apply)

Newspaper:

Newspaper stories

Newspaper ads

Television:

Television news

Television ads

Radio:

Radio news

Radio ads

Other methods:

Schools

Outdoor advertisements (billboards, etc.)

Books

Mail

Fire Departments

Internet

Fact sheet/brochure

Chamber of Commerce

Public workshop/meetings

Magazine

Academic Institutions

Other (please explain)

6. To assist in communicating information to Madison County about how to better prepare for a natural disaster, which of the following phrases do you think is the easiest to understand? (Please check only one)

Natural disaster readiness

Disaster preparedness

Emergency preparedness

Natural hazard risk reduction

Other, please explain _____

There are many things that you can do to prepare for a natural disaster or emergency event. What you have on hand when a disaster strikes, or are trained to do when a disaster strikes can make a big difference for your comfort and safety in the hours and days following the disaster, whether it is a natural disaster or other emergency. Basic services, such as electricity, gas, water and telephones, may be cut off, or you may have to evacuate at a moment's notice. The following questions focus on your household's preparedness for disaster events.

7. In the following list, please check those activities that you have done, or are unable to do. (Please check one answer for each preparedness activity)

In your household, have you or someone in your household:

Preparedness activity	Have Done	Plan To Do	Not Done	Unable To Do
A. Attended meetings or received written information on natural disaster or emergency preparedness?				
B. Talked with members in your household about what to do in case of a natural disaster or emergency?				
C. Developed a "Household/Family Emergency Plan" in order to decide what everyone would do in event of a household emergency?				
D. Prepared a "Disaster Supply Kit" (Stored extra food, water, batteries, or other emergency supplies)?				
E. In the last year, has anyone in your household trained in first aid or Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)?				

8. Building a disaster supply kit, receiving first aid training and developing a household/family emergency plan are inexpensive activities that require a personal time commitment. How much time (per year) are you willing to spend on preparing yourself/household for a natural disaster or emergency event?

___ 0-1 hours

___ 16+ hours

___ 2-3 hours

___ Other (Please explain) _____

___ 4-7 hours

___ 8-15 hours

9. What steps, if any, have you or someone in your household taken to prepare for a natural disaster?
(Check all that apply)

Have stored or stoked up on:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepared a Disaster Supply Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Received First Aid/CPR Training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Made a fire escape plan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Developed a reconnection Plan: Where |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battery-powered radio | to go and who to call |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical supplies (First aid kit) | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussed utility shutoffs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire extinguisher | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Smoke detector on each level | _____ |
- of the house

10. Does your household have insurance coverage for flood events?

Yes (If you answered YES skip to Question 11)

No

10.1 If "NO", what is the main reason your household does not have insurance for flood events?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not located in the floodplain | <input type="checkbox"/> Deductibles too high/not worth it |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too expensive | <input type="checkbox"/> Not familiar with it/don't know about it |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not necessary | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Never considered it | |

11. Does your household have insurance coverage for earthquake events?

Yes (If you answered YES skip to Question 12)

No

11.1 If "NO" what is the main reason your household does not have earthquake insurance?
(Please check only one)

Too expensive

Deductibles too high/not worth it

Not available

Not familiar with it/don't know about it

Not necessary

Other _____

Never considered it

NAURAL HAZARD RISK REDUCTION

Risk reduction activities are those actions you can take to protect your home from natural hazard events, such as earthquakes, floods or tornados. You can do nonstructural modifications or retrofits to protect your home's contents against damage, often at minimal cost. You can also conduct structural retrofits to strengthen your home's structure or skeleton, although modifications to a structure tend to be quite involved and generally require the expertise of a registered design professional (engineer, architect or building contractor).

12. Did you consider the possible occurrence of a natural hazard when you bought/moved into your current home?

Yes

No

13. Would you be willing to spend more money on a home that had features that made it more disaster resistant?

Yes

No

14. How much money are you willing to spend to better protect your family and home from natural disasters? (**Check only one**)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$5000 and above | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$2500 - \$4999 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 - \$2499 | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 - \$999 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please explain _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 - \$499 | _____ |

Question 15 includes nonstructural and structural modifications that make your home more resistant to earthquakes. There are many measures that can be taken for other natural hazards, such as tornados and floods.

15. What nonstructural or structural modifications for earthquake have you made to your home?

Nonstructural:

Structural:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anchor bookcases, cabinets to wall | <input type="checkbox"/> Secure home foundation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secure water heater to wall | <input type="checkbox"/> Brace inside of cripple wall with sheathing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Install latches on drawers/cabinets | <input type="checkbox"/> Brace unreinforced chimney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fit gas appliances with flexible connections | <input type="checkbox"/> Brace unreinforced masonry & concrete walls and foundations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Others (Please explain) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain) _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

16. Which of the following incentives, if any, would motivate you to take additional steps to better protect your family and home from a natural disaster? (**Check all that apply**).

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance discount | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax break or incentive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low interest rate loan | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lower new home construction costs | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain) |
| | _____ |

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

17. Please indicate your age: _____

18. Gender

Male

Female

19. Zip code: _____

20. How long have you lived in Madison County?

Less than one year 10-19 years

1-5 years 20 years or more

5-9 years

21. Do you have access to the Internet?

Yes

No

22. Do you own or rent your home?

Own

Rent

23. Do you rent/own a:

Single-family home

Duplex

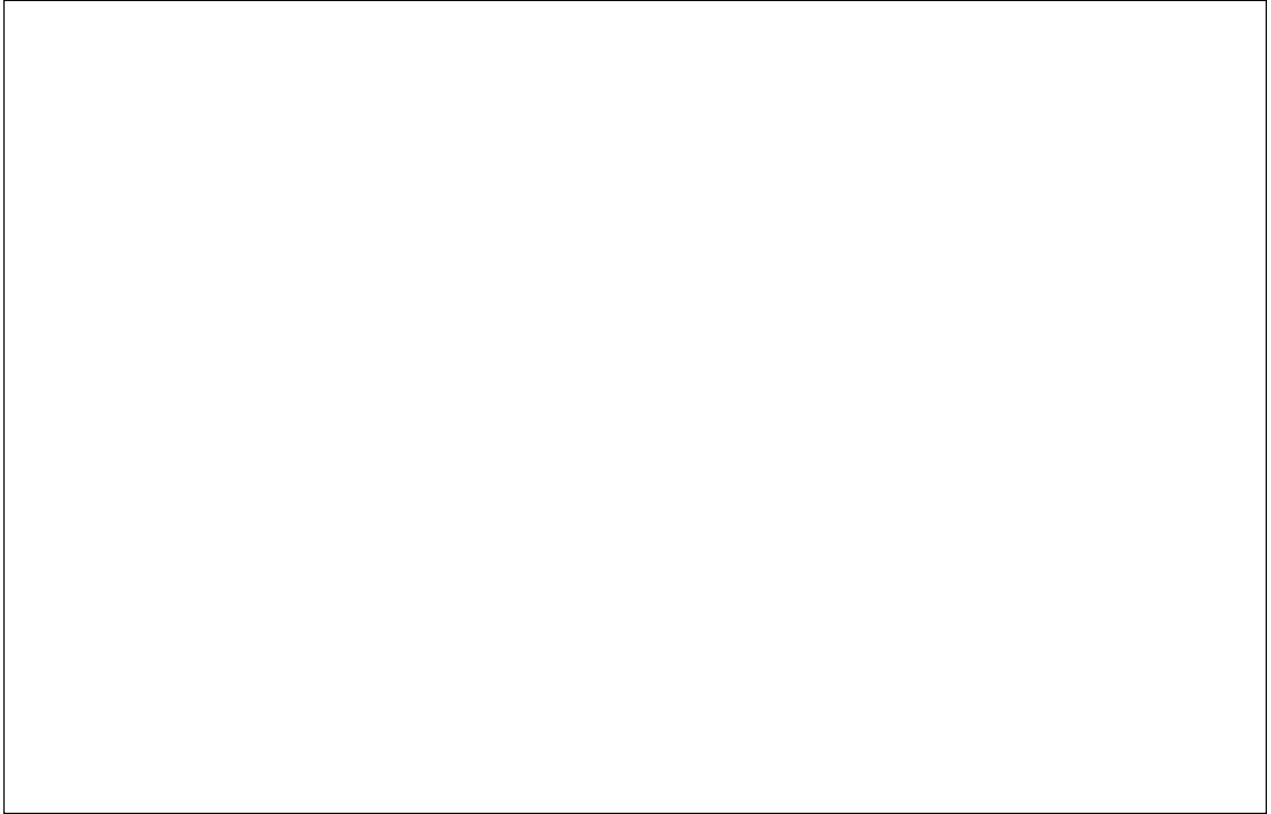
Apartment (3-4 units in structure)

Apartment (5 or more units in structure)

Condominium/townhouse

Manufactured home

Other Comments:

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PROVIDING THIS INFORMATION