



Something has just happened to my property– Who do I call?

An initial call should be made to emergency services to determine if there is any reporting/investigation, or other such activity needed. Afterwards they will work with the Historic Preservation Office and Engineering department to assist in the best course of action to re-build and repair the structure.

Are there programs or funding to help me re-build?

Most funding is in place to mitigate the effects of natural disasters BEFORE they occur. There may be limited historic funding or FEMA funding available in specific situations, but that is not common.

Do I need additional/special insurance on my historic property?

While it is not required, you can opt to purchase additional insurance that will cover the cost to re-build to historic standards. The Historic Preservation Officer at the City of Newton and the State Historic Preservation Office can offer further assistance.

More information is available at
www.newtonkansas.com/historic



Does a Historic Property have to conform to fire code?

Yes. All applicable safety requirements are applicable to a historic property. However, caution can be used to ensure that safety requirements do not destroy or damage the historic features.

Do ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements pertain to historic buildings

Yes. To the greatest extent possible, commercial historic buildings must be as accessible as non-historic. There is special guidance outlined in the ADA's Accessibility Guidelines for owners of historic properties.

How can I prepare my home & family for an emergency?

Homeowners can utilize the planning tool from FEMA to help them organize and prepare for unfortunate events. Resources can be found at [ready.gov/plan](https://www.ready.gov/plan).

Important Numbers

Fire/Police /EMS : 911

City of Newton:

316-286-3001

City of North Newton:

316-283-7633

Harvey County:

316-284-6800

State Historic Preservation Office:

785-272-8681

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How to Prepare your Historic Property for a Disaster

