



HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HISTORIC PROPERTY FOR A DISASTER

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HOW CAN I PREPARE MY HOME AND 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).

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SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED TO JUST MY HOUSE, 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 Officer/ Historic Preservation Commission and Engineering department to assist in the best course of action to re-build and repair the structure.

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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.

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STAY INFORMED

Contact your local government to find out how it will share alerts and instructions during an emergency

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

**FIRE POLICE EMS 911
CITY OF NEWTON 316-286-3001
HARVEY COUNTY 316-284-6800
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE 785-272-8681**



FAQ'S

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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.

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DOES A HISTORIC PROPERTY STILL 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.

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DO ADA (AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT) REQUIREMENTS PERTAIN TO HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES?

Yes. To the greatest extent possible, 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.

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