Outdoor Warning Sirens

If sirens are activated during inclement weather:

- Take cover inside a nearby building immediately - a first-floor interior room, like a closet or a bathroom, with no windows.
- **DO NOT** call 9-1-1, instead tune into local media for more information.
- Siren Testing - The sirens will be tested on the first Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. unless the sky is overcast or there is inclement weather in the area.

City of Irving
Emergency Management
(972) 721-2100
Disaster Plan & Emergency Kit

Make a Plan Today

Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters could affect your area. Know how you’ll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that’s familiar and easy to find.

After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. An emergency kit is a collection of basic household items – food, water, and other supplies you may need in the event of an emergency. Look through your kits regularly to ensure that their contents, especially foods and medicines are up to date.

You can download a plan template and emergency kit checklist from Ready.gov.

Preparing for your Pets

Your pets are family, so include them in your family’s emergency plan. To prepare for the unexpected, follow these tips with your pets in mind:

- Have an evacuation plan for your pet.
- Have your pet microchipped.
- Build a kit for your pet.
- Ensure all animals have some form of identification.

Fire

- Fire is FAST! In less than 30 seconds a small flame can turn into a major fire.
- Fire is HOT! Heat is more threatening than flames. Inhaling this super-hot air will scorch your lungs and melt clothes on your skin.
- Fire is DEADLY! Smoke and toxic gases kill more people than flames do.

Flooding

Flooding is a temporary overflow of water onto land that is normally dry and is the most common natural disaster in the United States. Failing to evacuate or enter flood waters can lead to injury or death.

Hazards

Hazardous Materials

Hazardous materials can include explosives, flammable and combustible substances, poisons, radioactive materials and chemical agents. Emergencies can happen during the production, storage, transportation, use or disposal of hazardous materials.

Heat

Extreme heat is a period of high heat and humidity with temperatures above 90° for at least two days. Extreme heat is responsible for the highest number of annual deaths among all weather-related hazards.

Thunderstorms & Lightning

Thunderstorms are dangerous storms that include lightning and can cause:

- Powerful winds over 50 mph
- Hail
- Flash flooding and/or tornadoes

Tornadoes

Tornadoes are violently rotating columns of air that can destroy buildings, flip cars and create deadly flying debris. A tornado can:

- Happen anytime and anywhere.
- Bring intense winds, over 200 miles per hour.