

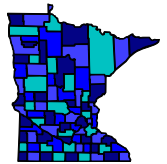


Prepare, Plan, Stay Informed

Natural disasters such as tornadoes, floods and blizzards can occur suddenly and unexpectedly. In addition, other emergency events such as infectious disease outbreaks, release of hazardous materials and foreign or domestic terrorism may also occur abruptly and without warning.

The City of Champlin is a member of North Suburban Regional Planning Group which establishes a framework through which the member cities may prepare for, respond to, recover from and mitigate the impact of a wide variety of disasters and emergency events that could adversely affect the health, safety, and/or general welfare of the citizens of the member cities. Because it is a framework, the details of how this is accomplished are contained in the operations documents of the respective cities.

The North Suburban Region includes the cities of Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Champlin, Crystal, Dayton, Golden Valley, Maple Grove, Medicine Lake, New Hope, Osseo, Plymouth, Robbinsdale, Rogers, Hassan Township and St. Anthony.



The emergency plan that is established by the North Suburban Regional Planning Group is needed to articulate the management of a given hazard/disaster. The plan describes the basic strategies and mechanisms through which the cities will mobilize resources and conduct activities to guide and support emergency management efforts using the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The plan is designed to coordinate resources to:

- Maximize protection of life and property
- Ensure continuity of government
- Sustain survivors
- Repair and restore essential facilities and utilities



Additional resources are listed below to assist citizens in becoming more informed in regards to preparing/planning for and recovering from a disaster or an emergency situation.

- ✚ www.health.state.mn.us – Minnesota Department of Health – Protecting, maintaining and improving the health of Minnesotans. Learn how to prepare for, respond to and recover from health emergencies.
- ✚ www.redcross.org – Twin Cities area chapter of the American Red Cross
- ✚ www.cdc.gov – Centers for Disease Control promotes health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury and disability. Excellent online source for credible health information.
- ✚ www.dhs.gov – The Department of Homeland Security works to anticipate, detect and deter threats to the homeland and to safeguard our people and their freedoms, critical infrastructure, property and the economy of our nation from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other emergencies.
- ✚ www.codeReady.org – Statewide initiative created to help all Minnesotans be informed, organized and connected on emergency preparedness. Create individual emergency plans and build a custom emergency supply kit.
- ✚ www.birdflu.state.mn.us – Contains information about H5N1 avian influenza, how it affects you, and what's being done about it in Minnesota.

- # www.pandemicflu.gov – Provides comprehensive government-wide information on pandemic influenza and avian influenza for the general public, health and emergency preparedness professionals, policy makers, government and business leaders, school systems, and local communities.
- # www.cdc.gov/flu/avian - Additional information from the CDC regarding avian influenza (bird flu)
- # www.ready.gov – Get a kit, make a plan, and be informed.
- # www.severeweather.state.mn.us – Helping citizens prepare for tornadoes, severe storms and extreme weather conditions.
- # www.fema.gov/areyouready - Federal Emergency Management Agency – step by step approach to disaster preparedness including how to develop and maintain an emergency communications plan and disaster supplies kit.
- # www.mrc-hennepin.org – The Medical Reserve Corps of Hennepin County is a countywide resource of health professionals and other volunteers who strengthen our community by preparing for and responding to local public health and medical emergencies and assisting with key ongoing public health initiatives.
- # www.echominnesota.org – Emergency and Community Health Outreach (ECHO) will offer information to help you and your family respond to a major health or safety emergency in Minnesota. The type of emergency will determine how that information is delivered.



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