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City recognizes Emergency Preparedness Week: *Be Ready for Anything*

(Barrie, ON) The City of Barrie is once again joining communities across Canada in recognizing Emergency Preparedness Week May 2 to 8. This year's theme is *Emergency Preparedness: Be Ready for Anything*. From the pandemic to blackouts to extreme weather events like tornadoes and floods, it's important for all residents to know the risks, make a plan and get an emergency kit.

"The COVID-19 pandemic we are still facing is a huge reminder that emergencies can happen anywhere at any time," said Fire Chief Cory Mainprize. "During this week, I hope our residents have a chance to think about their level of emergency preparedness and take action to ensure they are prepared for when emergency strikes."

With a few simple steps, you can become better prepared to face a range of emergencies – anytime, anywhere. It is important to:

- Know the risks – Although the consequences of disasters can be similar, knowing the risks specific to our community and our region can help you better prepare;
- Make a plan – It will help you and your family know what to do;
- Get an emergency kit – During an emergency, we will all need some basic supplies. We may need to get by without power or tap water. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours in an emergency.

Emergency Preparedness Week is a national effort of provincial and territorial emergency management organizations, and Public Safety Canada.

Visit [GetPrepared.ca](https://getprepared.ca) to learn more about Emergency Preparedness Week and for more resources to help you and your family prepare for all types of emergencies.

Learn more about emergency preparedness at the City at barrie.ca/EmergencyManagement.

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