

Frequently Asked Questions

In the event of a disaster and I have to evacuate my home, where do I go?

Isle of Wight County has two primary, one secondary, and one refuge of last resort emergency shelter locations. These shelters will open on an as needed basis. Shelter opening locations and times will be announced on local radio stations. Go to the Emergency Shelters portion of this website for more information.

Are pets allowed in Isle of Wight's emergency shelters?

Service animals are allowed in our emergency shelters. Pets are not allowed. Go to the Pets & Sheltering portion of the Ready Virginia page on this website for more information on how to prepare your pets for disasters.

How can I prepare my family for a disaster?

Preparing for a disaster ahead of time may seem overwhelming. If needed, make your preparedness plans and gather food & materials needed gradually. Go to Make a Plan portion of the Ready Virginia page on this website for tips and lists to help you get started.

What items should I keep in my emergency kit?

There should be enough supplies in your disaster kit to make each member of your family self-sufficient for at least three days. This should include water, food, a first-aid kit, flashlights, batteries, medicines, and a battery-powered radio or television. Go to the Make a Kit portion of the Ready Virginia page on this website for a complete list.

What does it mean to "Shelter-In-Place?"

If the authorities advise you to Shelter-In-Place, you are to remain in your home or office (wherever you are at the time of the emergency) and protect yourself there. If there is a threat of contaminated outside air, seal doors, windows and vents and turn off all fans and heating and air-conditioning units. Go to an interior room. Listen or watch local radio and television stations to stay updated on the latest information.