

# Emergency Preparedness Guide



**City of Bowie**  
**301-262-6200**

## Important Phone Numbers

*Keep this list handy and if you have a cell phone, add these numbers to your phone contact list.*

- ◆ Police, Fire/EMS Emergencies: 911
- ◆ Non-emergency calls for Bowie Police Department: 240-544-5700 (24 hours)
- ◆ Bowie City Hall: 301-262-6200
- ◆ After-hours services (water main breaks, sewer backups, etc.) 240-544-5700

### Reporting Utility Outages

- ◆ BGE – Power: 1-877-778-2222
- ◆ BGE Downed wires: 1-800-685-0123
- ◆ Downed trees on roads: 240-544-5700
- ◆ City of Bowie Water: 301-262-6200
- ◆ Comcast: 1-800-934-6489
- ◆ Verizon: 1-800-483-7988
- ◆ Washington Gas Emergencies: 1-800-752-7520
- ◆ WSSC Emergencies: 301-206-4002

## Alert Bowie

Receive up to the minute local emergency information through Alert Bowie, a free service available to those who live or work in the Bowie area.

Subscribers choose what information to receive from the City of Bowie and how to receive it—via text messages, emails and in rare cases a robocall.

To sign up visit  
[www.cityofbowie.org/alerts](http://www.cityofbowie.org/alerts)

For more information, contact Una Cooper, Communications Manager at 301-809-3032 or [ucooper@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ucooper@cityofbowie.org)

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**STAY INFORMED**



## The Four B's of Being Prepared

### Be Informed

*Know where to get important information in an emergency*

Before, during and after a disaster, being informed is critical. Disasters are sometimes predictable and sometimes not. In either situation, having timely accurate information is key to your preparedness efforts. Where to go:

- ◆ City website – [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org)
- ◆ City of Bowie Alerts via Bowie Alert
- ◆ Bowie Government TV Channels: Verizon 10/Comcast 71
- ◆ City message boards
- ◆ Facebook [www.facebook.com/bowiemd](http://www.facebook.com/bowiemd)
- ◆ Twitter - [@CityofBowie](https://twitter.com/CityofBowie)
- ◆ 301-262-6200
- ◆ Local DC TV Channels
- ◆ WMAL 630 AM
- ◆ WTOP 1500 AM/103.5 FM
- ◆ WKYS 93.9
- ◆ Weather forecast [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)

### Be Ready

*Learn how to make your plans now before disaster strikes*

While disasters are out of our control, there are steps you can take in advance to lessen the impacts.

Make sure you and/or your family have a plan in place in case of an emergency. This means, that before an emergency happens, you should sit down together and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go and what you will do in an emergency. We strongly encourage you to keep a copy of this plan in your emergency supply kit or another safe place where you can access it in the event of a disaster.

### Be Wise

*Protect your valuables and your documents*

Emergency preparedness is more than just having supplies on hand before the next hurricane or blizzard strikes. It's also about being prepared for the smaller scale emergencies like fire, a burst pipe, or a sewer backup that might affect only your home or your family. These types of incidents are more common and can often be just as devastating.

*Insurance, Valuables and Vital Records*

Read your homeowner's or renter's insurance policy and know what's covered and your deductible.

Create a written or photographic record or inventory of your valuables and scan important records such as vital records, medical records, and financial documents. Save the files on a disc or

flash drive and store it in a safe deposit box, or other off-site location. Consider also keeping copies in your disaster kit for easy access during emergencies.

### Be Self-Sufficient

*Your first 72-hours checklist*

- ◆ 1 gallon of water per person per day for 3 days
- ◆ Non-perishable food: canned or packaged food
- ◆ 1 change of clothes and footwear per person
- ◆ 3 days worth of prescription medications (if needed)
- ◆ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ◆ Manual can opener
- ◆ Battery-powered, solar-powered, or hand-crank radio
- ◆ Hygiene items: soap, toilet paper, and a toothbrush
- ◆ First aid basics: antiseptic, bandages and non-prescription medicine



*To learn more, contact City of Bowie Emergency Manager Lee Cornwell at 301-809-3079. You can also request an emergency preparedness presentation for your HOA, school, business, church, scout troop, or any other group.*