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City recognizes Emergency Preparedness Week

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(Barrie, ON) –The City of Barrie is joining communities across Canada this week in recognizing Emergency Preparedness Week, May 4 to 10. Disasters can strike at any time, in any season. From blackouts to extreme weather events, it's important for residents to know the risks, make a plan and prepare an emergency kit.

"The recent ice storm and the tornado in 2021 are stark reminders of how rapidly emergencies can occur and have devastating impacts," says Fire Chief Kevin White. "Thankfully our crews train and prepare for these situations, so when they occur, we are ready. During Emergency Preparedness Week, I encourage residents to think about their own level of preparedness, so they are ready when an emergency strikes."

With a few simple steps, residents can become better prepared to face a range of It is important to:

- Know the risks – While the impacts of disasters may be similar, understanding the risks specific to our community and our region can help you better prepare. For example, in Barrie, residents should plan for snow and ice events in the winter, localized flooding in the spring, and tornadoes and severe thunderstorms in the summer.
- Make a plan – A clear emergency plan helps you and your family know what to do before, during and after a disaster.
- Get an emergency kit – In an emergency, you'll need essential supplies. Be prepared to manage without power or tap water, and plan to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.

Emergency Preparedness Week is a national effort of provincial and territorial emergency management organizations, and Public Safety Canada. Visit getprepared.ca for more resources to help you and your family prepare for all types of emergencies.

Visit barrie.ca/EmergencyManagement to learn more about the City of Barrie's preparedness, seasonal emergencies, tornadoes, response, recovery and more.

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