



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **City recognizes Emergency Preparedness Week *Residents encouraged to know the risks, make a plan, and get an emergency kit***

(Barrie, ON) –The City of Barrie is once again joining communities across Canada in recognizing Emergency Preparedness Week, May 1 to 7, 2022. Disaster can strike at any time: from pandemics to blackouts to extreme weather events like tornadoes, it's important for all residents to know the risks, make a plan and get an emergency kit.

"On July 15, 2021, an EF-2 tornado touched down in our city and we were reminded of how devastating emergencies can happen without warning," says Fire Chief Cory Mainprize. "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 and take action to ensure they are ready for when any emergency — like a tornado, flood, fire, or other disaster — strikes again."

With a few simple steps, residents 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. Weather is an example: in Barrie, residents should prepare for snow and ice events in the winter, localized flooding in the spring, and tornadoes and severe thunderstorms in the summer.
- 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) for more resources to help you and your family prepare for all types of emergencies.

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

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