

In Case of Emergency?!

Preparing for and Preventing Emergencies
at Home, in our Community and State

Home Emergencies

Creating a Family Preparedness Plan

- ❖ Important Phone Numbers
- ❖ Disaster Preparedness Checklist
- ❖ Building A Family Disaster Supplies Kit
- ❖ Sign up for VT Alerts
<http://www.vtalert.gov/>
- ❖ What's Vermont 2-1-1?
<http://www.vermont211.org/>
- ❖ Emergency Protective Actions
 - Evacuations
 - Shelter in Place

- ❖ Don't Forget Family or Neighbors with Medical or Physical Needs
- ❖ Plans for Pets & Farm Animals
- ❖ Home Fire Safety
 - Safety Map
 - Smoke Detectors
 - Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- ❖ Power Outages
 - Generator Safety
- ❖ Winter Preparedness
- ❖ <https://vem.vermont.gov/document/workbook-english>

Top 10 Most Common Household Accidents

Poisonings

Falling Objects

Slip and Falls

Choking

Cuts & Lacerations

Burns

Strangulation

Fires

Drowning

Firearm Accidents

<https://www.top10.com/medical-alerts/10-most-common-household-injuries>

Community-Wide Emergencies

Local Emergency Management Plan -LEMP

In accordance with 20 V.S.A. § 6(c), municipalities must develop all-hazards plans to guide municipal emergency management operations. A current local emergency plan is also required for municipalities to receive increased state reimbursement through the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (ERAF).

What is it?

A compiled list of who, what, where that can assist in an emergency

Approved each year after Town Meeting and before June 1

- ❖ Input provided by EMC/EMD - Selectboard - Town Manager - School Officials - Fire Department - Burnham - Library - Weathervane - local contractors
- ❖ Addison County Regional Planning & VEM Zone Rep. offer guidance
- ❖ Outside organizations - GMP - Bristol Rescue - VEM - VT National Guard - State Police - Sheriffs Dept - Swift Water Rescue Teams - UVM Health System - Porter Hospital

Why is it important?

- ❖ Codifies roles/steps/MOU
- ❖ Provides a comprehensive list of Town Assets
- ❖ Easy to access and follow
- ❖ Allows for support from VT Emergency Management
- ❖ Provides opportunity to qualify for added State support

<https://vem.vermont.gov/document/lemp-short-form>

Typical Community-Wide Events

- ❖ Floods
- ❖ Town-wide Power Outages
- ❖ Major Snow/Ice Events
- ❖ High Winds
- ❖ Extreme Temperature Events
- ❖ Droughts

Less Likely Events

MCI (Mass Casualty Incidents)
Active Shooter
Forest Fires
Chemical Contamination/Spills
Radiological Events
Major Earthquake
Tornados

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Local Hazard Mitigation Plans are used to identify policies and actions that can be implemented over the long term to reduce risk and future losses. Mitigation Plans form the foundation for a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage.

To be updated in 2027

<https://vem.vermont.gov/plans/LHMP>

Cycle of Preparedness



State-Wide Emergencies

In July 2025, Governor Philip B. Scott signed Executive Order N0. 05-25, which promulgates the revised State Emergency Management Plan (SEMP) effective August 1, 2025. The plan replaces the existing 2019 State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP). The plan addresses Vermont's hazard and threat environment, including natural, technological, and human-caused emergencies or disasters. The SEMP forms the basis of the State of Vermont emergency management system, which includes the collaboration of all state agencies and departments that have operational responsibilities and capabilities across five mission areas—Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery. The SEMP assigns functional responsibilities to state agencies, departments, and organizations to provide coordinated guidance, relief, and assistance to the local jurisdictions and people of Vermont before, during, and after disasters.

The SEMP is revised on a five-year rotational schedule by Vermont Emergency Management.

<https://vem.vermont.gov/plans/SHMP>

Training & Exercise Opportunities

- ❖ Table Top Exercises
- ❖ In-person Exercises
 - ❖ Active Shooter
 - ❖ Evacuations
 - ❖ Flash Flooding
 - ❖ School Safety
 - ❖ Shelter Operations
 - ❖ What would the town like?

Grant opportunities

FEMA engagement

- ❖ What we should know
- ❖ Call for information
- ❖ Moving forward