



## ***September is National Emergency Preparedness Month ~ Are you ready?***

*Did you know that September is National Preparedness Month?* National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. Throughout September, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will work with a wide variety of organizations to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness and promote individual involvement through events and activities across the nation.

The goal of National Preparedness Month is to increase public awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks, and to encourage individuals to take action to prepare themselves and their families. Throughout the month, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security asks all Americans to take some simple steps to prepare themselves and their families for emergencies including getting a family emergency supply kit, making a family emergency plan, being informed about different threats and getting involved in preparing their communities.

To learn more about how to prepare yourself and your family, visit <http://www.ready.gov/>. FEMA also has a website that provides valuable information for parents and teachers, as well as for kids of all ages: <http://www.fema.gov/kids/index.htm>. Kings County's emergency website is [www.kingscountybt.com](http://www.kingscountybt.com). It is our desire that you take the opportunity to visit one of the websites listed above and brush up on the skills you need to take care of yourself and your loved ones.

***Be informed! Get involved!***