

**PRESS RELEASE
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SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month, a nationwide effort to encourage Americans to take a simple step to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. Columbus Emergency Management has put together a handout for the citizens of Columbus on how to deal with the topics of : Emergency Supply Kits; Power Outages; What is safe to eat; Information for Individuals with special needs and Information for Pet Owners.

These handouts are free to the public and can be picked up at the Columbus Police Department.

The Columbus Library also provided a web site for information:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/WOissues/disasterpreparedness/distrprep.htm>

For additional help or for answers to questions please call Columbus Emergency Management at 623-5919