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Upcoming do1thing topics:



February 2006
Water



March 2006
Sheltering



April 2006
Risk Assessment



May 2006
Food



June 2006
Special Items



July 2006
Communication



August 2006
Connect with Community



September 2006
Getting Information



October 2006
Power



November 2006
Emergency Supplies



December 2006
First Aid



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Partners

Carson City-Crystal Area Schools
Central Montcalm Public Schools
Greenville Public Safety
Montcalm County Administration
Montcalm Alliance
Montcalm Center for Behavioral Health
Greenville Public Safety
Montcalm Intermediate School District
Montcalm Sheriff's Office
Montcalm Emergency Services
MSU Extension Office
Carson City Hospital
Sheridan Community Hospital
American Red Cross
United Way/Volunteer Connections
Mid-Michigan District Health Department
Montcalm Commission on Aging
Montcalm Central Dispatch
Montcalm Public Radio
Pierson Township/Neighborhood Watch

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Preparing
In
Small
Steps

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Disasters happen. We've seen images of the devastation caused by the hurricanes in the gulf states, the tsunami, and the events of 9/11.

We all know that we should prepare ourselves, our families and our businesses to cope with disaster situations.

Do1thing is a program designed to help individuals, families and businesses take small steps towards being prepared for a disaster. By breaking preparedness into small steps, it is easier to get started, and easier to stick with.

Each month, the do1thing program will focus on a different preparedness topic to present easy, and often inexpensive, ways to become better prepared.

The do1thing website (www.do1thing.us) will have information on the monthly topic and will also have information on prior month's topics so you can progress at your own pace.

In addition to the website, the do1thing team will be out in the community sharing presentations, incentives, information, and maybe even discounts and freebies!

One thing at a time

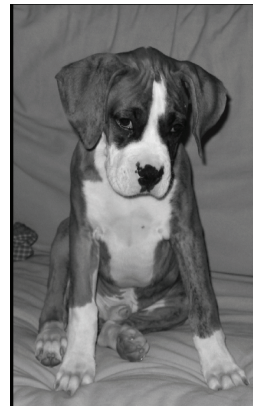
Dear Montcalm County resident:

It has been an active time for major disasters, including Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, tornadoes in numerous states, and severe flooding. We must be prepared locally for major disasters that can and will occur here.

Government officials and volunteer organizations at every level do all they can to help citizens prepare, prevent and recover from disasters, it's critical that people do their part to be prepared, too.

While we are all aware of the importance of emergency preparedness, the majority of us do not make preparedness a priority. We think it's too expensive, or too overwhelming in our busy lives. We think disaster will never strike us. Disasters in this area are well documented: the blizzard in 2000, the windstorm of 1998 and the ice storm of 2006. The cost of a disaster to homeowners and the local business economy is devastating. The cost of preparedness is much less.

Representatives from local government and the private sector, along with volunteer organizations involved in emergency management, public health, human services, and other



Awareness to Action

stakeholders in Montcalm County have come together to encourage and assist citizens to become prepared. This new initiative is called **Do I Thing**.

The goal is for citizens to do one thing per month to increase their level of preparedness. This is an easy, financially affordable way to become better prepared. The first step of **Do I Thing** will be to purchase and store water, since water is essential to life.



In the following months, residents will be urged to take steps towards preparedness by acquiring other items such as food, flashlights with batteries, and a first aid kit. We all need to take action in creating a family communications plan, learning about public shelters, and contacting vulnerable neighbors who cannot get prepared on their own.

Being prepared in our homes, neighborhoods and communities not only helps ourselves, but will allow our emergency responders to more effectively respond to disasters.

Sincerely,

The do1thing committee