The Preparedness Pal Program

- Will support people who have partnered to help others during an emergency.

- During an emergency the Preparedness Pals will check on each other to make sure they are safe and do not need any help.

- The “pal” should be a friend or family member who is trusted by the person and who is educated on the Preparedness Pal Program.

- The Preparedness Pal will also use the relationship to help their friend get ready for an emergency. Help your Pal be ready to be self-sustaining for 72 hours.

- The Preparedness Pal Program offers individuals a way to be prepared during an emergency.

Preparedness Pal Program Partnerships

- Summit County Emergency Management Agency
- Summit County Public Health
- American Red Cross
- County Animals Rescue and Evacuation
- Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging
- Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board
- Private Citizens

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Steps to Becoming a Preparedness Pal

1. **Identify your Preparedness Pal.** Ideally, you should pick TWO pals—one that lives nearby and one that lives farther away (i.e. out of state). The far away pal will serve as a backup in case your near by pal cannot reach you.

2. **Discuss the Preparedness Pal Program with your pal.** Make sure you both understand your responsibilities during an emergency and are willing to carry out these responsibilities.

3. **Complete and review the information on the Preparedness Pal form with your pal.** Make a copy of the form for your pal to take home. Make sure your pal knows where you will keep your form.

4. **Be ready by making sure you have an emergency preparedness kit,** know how to shelter in place and prepare for pets during an emergency.

5. **Review and update your Preparedness Pal information at least 1 time per year with your pal.**

6. **Spread the word** about the Preparedness Pal program!

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**Emergency Checklist**

Once you have picked your two Preparedness Pals, it is time to make a kit of items you will need in an emergency. Once you have collected these items store them where you can find them quickly.

- Water and Food
- Hearing Aid, Cane, Glasses, etc.
- Medicines
- List of Medications
- Flashlight and Batteries
- Hand operated can opener
- Battery operated weather radio
- Toothpaste, toothbrush, soap and deodorant
- First Aid Kit

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Be prepared for emergencies by making sure you have an emergency preparedness kit and know how to shelter in place. For more information, please visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

And don’t forget to prepare for your pets during an emergency.

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