



# STATE OF WISCONSIN

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## Seniors get help to prepare for emergencies AmeriCorps teams up with counties to provide kits

(MADISON) – Are you ready for an emergency? For many of us, including senior citizens, the answer is often no.

As part of the “September 11<sup>th</sup> National Day of Service”, the ReadyWisconsin AmeriCorps program will partner with Dane, Fond du Lac and Sawyer County Emergency Management to help Seniors prepare for disasters. Volunteers in those counties along with AmeriCorps members will put together Senior Disaster Preparedness Kits. Those kits will include a flashlight, emergency blanket, first aid kit and preparedness information. Those kits will be delivered to senior centers in each county for distribution. Seniors will be encouraged to add other important items in those kits including medication and a copy of your prescriptions as well as dosage or treatment information.

“Many seniors already know how important it is to create a personal support network made up of individuals who will check on them in an emergency. But seniors need to know that they may need to be self-reliant for a while before that support network can help,” said Brian Satula, Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator. “Getting ready now could protect you later.”

In addition, AARP Wisconsin’s Milwaukee Leadership Team is teaming up with United Way of Greater Milwaukee to create and distribute senior emergency kits for Milwaukee County residents.

### Event Details

Date: Thursday, September 11, 2014

Time: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

What: Help pack kits for seniors or stop in to pack a kit for yourself

Location: City/County Building, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Madison, WI 53703

\*\*Dane County Emergency Management will be delivering these kits to senior centers across Dane County over the next few weeks.

Date: Thursday, September 11, 2014

Time: 9 a.m. – noon

What: Help pack kits for seniors or stop in to pack a kit for yourself

Location: United Way of Greater Milwaukee, 225 West Vine Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212

Milwaukee kits will be distributed at:

McGovern Community center

4500 W Custer Ave

Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup>

9am-1pm

Kelly Community Center

6100 S Lake Drive

Friday September 26<sup>th</sup>

9am-1pm

Washington Community Center

4420 W Vliet Street

Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup>

9am-1pm

Clinton Rose Community Center

3045 North Martin Luther King Way

Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

9am-1pm

Wilson Community Center

2601 W Howard Avenue

Wednesday October 15<sup>th</sup>

9am-1pm

The ReadyWisconsin website has more information on how to make an emergency supply kit on a budget, tips for creating your own emergency plan and commonly asked questions and answers about preparedness. Just go to: <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>.