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OUTREACH EVENTS

IN OCTOBER





Greenville County Emergency Management enjoyed an active month connecting directly with our community through a variety of local outreach events. These interactive public events provide an opportunity to engage face-to-face with residents, answer questions, and share critical emergency preparedness strategies. By bringing vital safety resources directly to people, our team works continuously to build a stronger, more resilient Greenville County where everyone is equipped to respond effectively to unexpected disasters.





The Great ShakeOut

Earthquake Drill

The Great ShakeOut 2026 is the world's largest annual earthquake drill, which took place on **Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 10:15 a.m.** local time.

Key Details

- **Core Action:** Participants practice the **"Drop, Cover, and Hold On"** method to stay safe during an earthquake:
  - **Drop** to your hands and knees.
  - **Cover** your head and neck (and crawl under a sturdy desk or table if nearby).
  - **Hold On** to your shelter until the shaking stops.
- **Global Participation:** Millions of people worldwide participated across schools, businesses, government agencies, homes, and public organizations.

Greenville County Emergency Management partnered with WYFF to discuss safety strategies and actionable tips ahead of the Great ShakeOut earthquake drill. The collaboration highlighted practical preparation steps to help people remain safe and resilient. For more details, visit WYFF.





PREPARING TOGETHER: RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Food Resilience Tabletop Exercise



Cyber Security Tabletop Exercise



Greenville County Emergency Management recently supported a series of diverse tabletop exercises designed to strengthen community resilience. The Food Resilience Tabletop Exercise brought together non-profit organizations from across the county to validate and practice their coordinated Emergency Food Response Plan. In tandem, the Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise provided a multi-sector simulation to evaluate and enhance South Carolina's preparedness against complex cyber threats. Both of these exercises challenged participants to streamline interagency communication, identify resource gaps, and fortify the county's collective readiness for real-world emergencies.

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Communications Technology Meeting

In October, the Emergency Communications Technology Committee gathered at the Greenville County EOC for its quarterly in-person meeting. While the committee convenes monthly, this session gave members a valuable, hands-on opportunity to familiarize themselves with deployable technology assets used during major incidents and planned events. Greenville County Emergency Management extends a sincere thank-you to all attendees for their active participation and thought-provoking questions.









THANKSGIVING SAFETY TIPS

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove top so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey, and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from electric knives, coffee makers, plate warmers or mixers are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of children.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Keep the floor clear so you don’t trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working.



Winter Weather Prepardness

- Insulate your home: Use insulation, caulking, and weather stripping to keep the cold air out.
- Protect your plumbing: Learn how to keep pipes from freezing before temperatures drop.
- Maintain early warning alarms: Install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors equipped with battery backups.
- Build an emergency stockpile: Gather enough supplies to stay home for several days without utility power.
- Plan for household needs: Account for each person's specific requirements, including necessary medications.
- Protect your pets: Include resources and specific supplies tailored to the needs of your animals.
- Secure backup power: Keep extra batteries readily available for emergency radios and flashlights.
- Seek utility assistance: Contact the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) if you need help affording heating costs, weatherization, or home energy repairs.

TRAINING SPOTLIGHT

Course Name: Emerging Challenges for Emergency Responders: Understanding the Hazards of Lithium-Ion Batteries (BAT101)
When: January 13, 2027
Time: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Location: Greenville County Emergency Management EOC
225 S. Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville, SC 29607
LMS Link

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