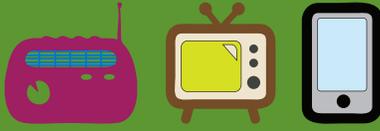




**1** Download the **Ready Virginia mobile app** to receive alerts, create a plan and learn about threats.



**2** Get current information from **local TV and radio**, in addition to mobile devices and social networks.



**3** Ask community officials and schools about their **evacuation and sheltering plans**.

### Preparing your mobile device **before** a disaster

Keep a list of emergency phone numbers. Include one out-of-town family contact. Keep the list in your cell phone and near your home phone. Keep it up to date.



Have charged batteries and car chargers for phones, laptops and other mobile devices.



If you have a landline home phone, keep a non-cordless receiver for use during a power outage. It will work even if you lose power.



Consider call forwarding on your home phone if you need to evacuate.



Sign up for emergency alert notifications through your local government.



### Communicating **during** and **after** a disaster

Call 9-1-1 for life-threatening emergencies.



Call 2-1-1 for shelter information and other disaster services.

Texting and email are good ways to keep in touch during a disaster. You can also use social media to let friends and family know you are okay.



Keep any phone calls brief - just share vital information to conserve battery power.



Tune into local TV and radio stations for important news alerts and official information.



Conserve your cell phone battery by reducing screen brightness, placing your phone in airplane mode and closing apps you are not using.

