Stay INFORMED

Before, During and After an emergency

	Service	What is it?	How do I get it?
	NOAA All-Hazard Radio (formerly known as Weather Radio)	The most reliable source for comprehensive weather and other emergency information, including natural, environmental, and public safety. All-Hazard Radio receiver is a very inexpensive and the single preparedness item that every household should have, make sure to add one to your kit today!	Available at your local retail store (Walgreens, CVS, Wal-Mart etc…)
	Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)	Federally sponsored alerting service that sends a specially formatted message directly to your smartphone. Smartphone that is capable of receiving these alerts will simply work, there is no registration required. Make sure that your phone is WEA capable!	More information: http://www.fema.gov/wireless-emergency-alerts
	MCETSB GeoCast Web	System operated by McHenry County Emergency Telephone System Board, commonly referred to as "Reverse 911". Registration with this system will allow you to be notified if there is an emergency in your neighborhood. These alerts are usually issued by your local fire or police departments. Sign up today!	https://mchenryco.onthealert.com/
	NIXLE	Free community alerting service via text and email. Almost all communities and many individual agencies in McHenry County use NIXLE to issue emergency alerts as well as important non-emergency messages. Sign up now!	http://www.nixle.com/
	Text Alerts	National Weather Service maintains list of providers that can send out severe weather and other emergency alerts via text. Most of the services listed are free, so make sure that you stay informed when on the go!	http://www.weather.gov/subscribe
	Mobile Apps	Apps from FEMA, Red Cross, WeatherBug, AccuWeather and many others can provide you with emergency information on your Android and iOS devices. While convenient, an **APP SHOULD NOT BE YOUR SINGLE SOURCE** for emergency information. Apps require data network to operate and in time of emergency data networks will become congested or fail completely, causing delays in alert delivery at the time when every second counts.	Visit the app store on your mobile device

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