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Safety and Health Topics: Emergency Preparedness Bulletin

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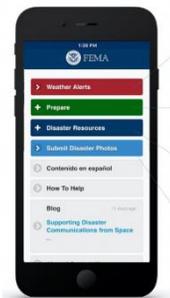
### Are You Prepared for Wildfires?

You've heard the expression "spread like wildfire," right? Well, there's a good reason for that. Wildfires can start in an instant – sometimes from a flash of lightning or the quick careless flick of a cigarette – and if that happens in the summertime or during a period when there's been little to no rain, dry brush, grass, and trees can quickly fuel that fire. Wildfires can happen anywhere in the country so here are some things you should do to make sure you're ready: <http://goo.gl/CqjP1V>

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### FEMA Launches New Preparedness Feature to Smartphone App

Last month, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) launched a new feature to its free smartphone app that will enable users to receive push notifications to their devices to remind them to take important steps to prepare their homes and families for disasters. The reminder feature allows users to receive pre-scheduled safety and preparedness tips, including testing smoking alarms, practicing a fire escape plan, updating emergency kits and replacing smoke alarm batteries.



Read More: <http://goo.gl/4l8vPa>

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## 2016 Atlantic Hurricane Season Forecast

The 2016 Atlantic hurricane season is expected to be the most active since 2012, according to a forecast released last month by The Weather Company, an IBM Business.

	AVG	CSU	TWC
<b>Total Named Storms</b>	12	13	14
<b>Hurricanes</b>	6	6	8
<b>Category 3 or Higher</b>	3	2	3

**AVG:** 30-year Average

**CSU:** Colorado State University prediction

**TWC:** The Weather Company prediction

Read More: <https://goo.gl/XzAwbQ>

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## Senate Passes a \$1.1 Billion Bill to Fund the Fight Against Zika

Last week, the senate passed a \$1.1 billion compromise bill to fund the fight against Zika. Mosquito control experts hope the money would help shore up weaknesses in the nation's pesticide defenses. In the United States, mosquito control is done by a patchwork of hundreds of separate authorities, many of them in coastal and Western states.



Read More: <http://goo.gl/H2G6Me>

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## Education/Communication

### FEMA: Seasonal Preparedness Calendar

Preparedness is key in making it safely through an emergency, especially for those who require regular medical support for a life-threatening condition. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has developed a Seasonal Preparedness Messaging Calendar to assist in planning education and communication strategies for emergency and disaster preparedness.



More Information: <https://goo.gl/fcdkw3>

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## PrepareAthon!: Be Smart. Take Part. Prepare.

America's PrepareAthon! is a grassroots campaign for action to increase community preparedness and resilience. The campaign aims to increase the number of individuals who understand which disasters could happen in their community, know what to do to be safe and mitigate damage, take action to increase their preparedness, and participate in community resilience planning.



Learn More: <https://goo.gl/ZdbtdD>

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