



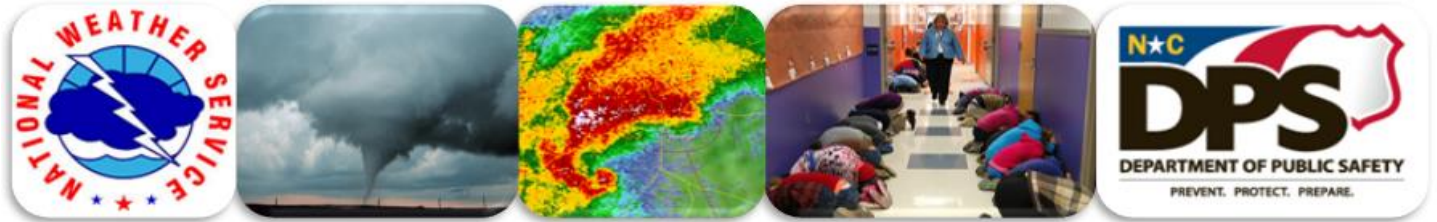
# Yadkin County Fire Marshal's Office



March - April

## Prevention Bulletin

2025



### March 2-8, 2025 is Severe Weather Preparedness Week in North Carolina.

This week the National Weather Service and the North Carolina Department of Public Safety are teaming up to bring this severe weather safety campaign to all of North Carolina's residents. With warmer weather quickly approaching, now is the time to prepare for the severe weather season. If each North Carolina resident would take a few moments this week to learn about severe weather safety and implement a safety plan, then we would all be better off when severe thunderstorms and tornadoes inevitably strike our state and the likelihood of injury and fatalities caused by severe weather could be minimized.

On Wednesday, March 5th at 9:30 AM, the National Weather Service in cooperation with local broadcasters will conduct a statewide tornado drill. The alarm test, which will come in the form of a Required Monthly Test, will activate the State Emergency Alert System and be carried by local radio broadcasters. Every school, business, and residence is encouraged to participate in this drill. It's really easy: at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, take a few moments to practice your severe weather safety plan, and seek shelter for a few minutes as if a tornado was headed your way. Practicing this when the weather is good will allow you to react more quickly when the weather turns bad.

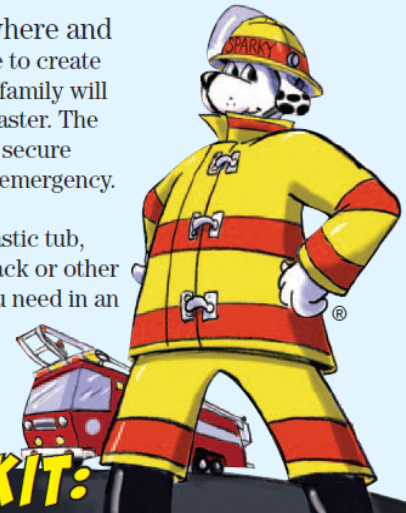
For more information visit [www.ReadyNC.org](http://www.ReadyNC.org) and the National Fire Protection Association at [www.nfpa.org/disaster](http://www.nfpa.org/disaster)



# GET READY!

Disasters can happen anywhere and at any time. By taking the time to create an emergency supplies kit, your family will be prepared in the event of a disaster. The kit also helps children feel more secure knowing it is there in case of an emergency.

The supplies can be kept in a plastic tub, small suitcase, trash can, backpack or other container. To learn what else you need in an emergency supplies kit, go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).



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## EMERGENCY SUPPLIES KIT:

- Water – one gallon per person per day for drinking and sanitation — store 3-day supply
- Ready-to-eat food, canned juices, comfort/stress foods — at least a 3-day supply
- Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio and a NOAA weather radio, and extra batteries for both
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Non-prescription drugs such as pain reliever, anti-diarrhea medication, antacid, laxative
- Prescription medications, contact lenses and supplies, denture needs
- Whistle to signal for help
- Infant formula and diapers, if you have an infant
- Water and pet food if you have pets
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Dust mask or cotton t-shirt to filter the air
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food
- Aluminum foil
- A jacket or coat, hat and gloves
- A complete change of clothing including long pants, long sleeve shirt, and sturdy shoes stored in a waterproof container.
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Rain gear
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Cash or traveler's checks, change
- Paper towels
- Tent
- Compass
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Signal flare
- Paper, pencil
- Personal hygiene items
- Soap
- Disinfectant and household chlorine bleach
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container. Remember to include emergency contact numbers.
- Passport, bank account numbers, credit card account numbers and companies
- Books, games puzzles, portable music device

**NOTE:** Replace food every six months. Re-think your kit and family needs once a year. Replace batteries and update clothes, etc.

### My Personal Pack Checklist

Have children create their personal pack. Have them include things like their favorite book or stuffed animal. These familiar things will help keep them comfortable during an emergency.

- ✓ Change of clothes
- ✓ Blanket
- ✓ Books
- ✓ Favorite toy
- ✓ Paper, pencils and crayons



## Staying Safe During a Flood - *Turn Around Don't Drown*



Flooding is the most common natural disaster in the United States.

Deadly flooding can happen anywhere and faster than you might expect.

It is important to be prepared for flooding if you live in a low-lying area near a body of water, such as a river, stream, or culvert. You should also be wary if you live along a coastline or downstream from a dam, levee, or area that has been burned by wildfire.

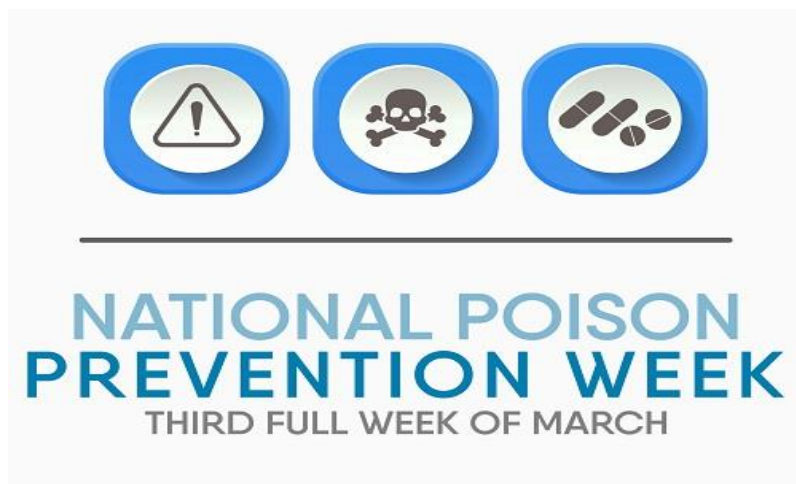
Protect yourself during a flood with these [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) tips:

- ***Turn Around, Don't Drown!*** Avoid walking or driving through floodwaters. Just six (6) inches of moving water can knock you down. Just one (1) foot of water can sweep your vehicle off the roadway.
- If there is a chance of flash flooding, move immediately to higher ground. Flash floods are the #1 cause of weather-related deaths in the U.S.
- If floodwaters rise around your car but the water is not moving, abandon the car and move to higher ground. Do not leave the car and enter moving water. If water is rising inside the car, then seek refuge on the roof.
- Avoid camping or parking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly with little warning.

For more information click link <https://www.ready.gov/floods>



**National Poison Prevention  
Week March 16-22, 2025 raises  
awareness of poison prevention  
nationwide.**



During the third full week of March every year, we are reminded that some of the deadliest and most dangerous items in our homes are hiding in plain sight. Just take a peek under your kitchen sink or in your laundry room. And don't forget to have a look inside your medicine cabinet. Household cleaning agents, prescription medications, pesticides, and other items can pose serious hazards to the health and well-being of our families and even our pets.

Every year, America's 55 poison centers receive millions calls, the majority of which are about people coming into contact with dangerous or potentially dangerous substances. The rest were calls for information. Visit prevention tips at [www.ncpoisoncontrol.org](http://www.ncpoisoncontrol.org) and learn how to help you or your loved ones avoid poisonings.

Operation Medicine Drop is a partnership of Safe Kids North Carolina, the Riverkeepers of North Carolina, NC State Bureau of Investigation, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of North Carolina and local law enforcement agencies working together to encourage the public to safely dispose of unused, unwanted and expired medication. By providing safe and secure ways for people to get rid of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications, Operation Medicine Drop helps prevent accidental poisonings and drug abuse while protecting our waters.

**Permanent Drop Box Location: Yadkin County Sheriff's Office [210 East Hemlock Street, Yadkinville, NC 27055](#) Monday-Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm or other NC Permanent Drop Box Locations at <https://apps.ncdoi.net/f?p=102:2>**

# MISTAKEN IDENTITY

If You Can't Tell The Difference, How Will A Child?



1-800-222-1222

# Household Dangers: Room by Room



For more information about these and other potentially toxic substances, please visit our website: [ASPCA.org/Poison](https://www.aspcapoison.org).  
If your pet gets into something potentially toxic, please call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.



Distracted driving has become a deadly epidemic on our roads. Cell phone use — specifically, texting, talking, and social media use — has become the most common distraction. Other risky actions include adjusting the radio or GPS, applying makeup, eating and drinking. By driving distracted, you're robbing yourself of seconds that you may need to avoid a close call or deadly crash.

## Drive Responsibly

In 2022, [distracted driving](#) killed 3,308 people. April, which is national Distracted Driving Awareness Month, is a good time to regroup and take responsibility for the choices we make when we're on the road. Follow these safety tips for a safe ride:

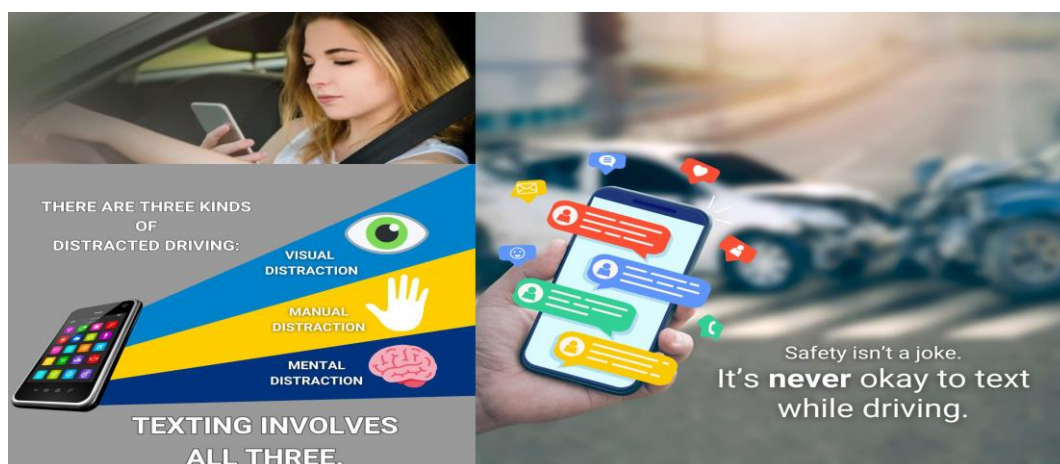
- Need to send a text? Pull over and park your car in a safe location.
- Designate your passenger as your "designated texter" to respond to calls or messages.
- Do not scroll through apps while driving. Struggling not to text and drive? Put the cell phone in the trunk, glove box, or back seat of the vehicle until you arrive at your destination.

## The Consequences

During a portion of Distracted Driving Awareness Month, from April 4 through 8, you may see increased law enforcement on the roadways as part of the national paid media campaign [Put the Phone Away or Pay](#). This campaign reminds drivers of the deadly dangers and the legal consequences – including fines – of texting behind the wheel.

## Take Action

- Remind your friends and family: If you're in the driver's seat, it's the only thing you should be doing. No distractions.
- If your driver is texting or otherwise distracted, tell them to stop and focus on the road.
- Ask your friends to join you in [pledging not to drive distracted](#). You could save a life. Share your pledge on social media to spread the word — #JustDrive.





# SPRING HAZARDS

## Sweets

Chocolates are one of the most well known toxins to pets. It contains Theobromine which can affect the Nervous and Cardiovascular systems. Be sure to keep all candy completely out of reach from your pet.

## Sugar Substitutes

Xylitol is a common sugar substitute found in products such as sugar-free gum, sugar-free and low carb diabetic candies, sugar-free baked goods, and some dental products. Although Xylitol has no affect on the blood sugar or insulin levels of humans, just a small amount can be toxic to dogs!

Signs of toxicity in dogs:

- Profound Hypoglycemia
- Weakness/lethargy
- Decreased potassium
- Seizures
- Liver disease/ failure
- Bleeding
- Death

## Lilies

Lilies are extremely toxic to all pets, especially cats! Ingestion of this toxin results in renal (kidney) failure within 24 to 48 hours. The best preventative is to not have these plants in the house with your pets.

If your pet is showing any of the above symptoms or you notice a change in your pet's behavior, do not wait to seek medical attention from your veterinarian.





## Statewide Wild Turkey Season Opens in North Carolina on April 12

As we prepare our gear for the season, it's always a good idea to talk safety. If you are planning to take a new or seasoned hunter into the field this year, or if you are going alone, safety should be your first priority.

### Ten Safety Tips for Spring Hunting

- Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.
- Always keep your gun's muzzle pointed in a safe direction, never toward a person.
- Never put your finger on the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- Identify your target and verify beyond your target before shooting.
- Anyone shooting or near a shooter should wear hearing and eye protection.
- Never climb or jump with a gun. You can't control the direction of the muzzle if you stumble or fall. Unload and safely lay the gun down or hand it to your hunting buddy if you must climb or jump. Use the same procedure when crossing over or under fences, trees or other obstructions.
- Keep the muzzle clear. Never let anything obstruct the muzzle of a gun or allow it to come in contact with the ground.
- When you finish shooting, put the trigger safety in the "on" position and unload the gun.
- Never run with a loaded gun to retrieve your downed bird.
- Never wear the colors red, white or blue. Use total camouflage and sit against a large tree or rock wide enough and tall enough to shield you from hunters approaching from behind.

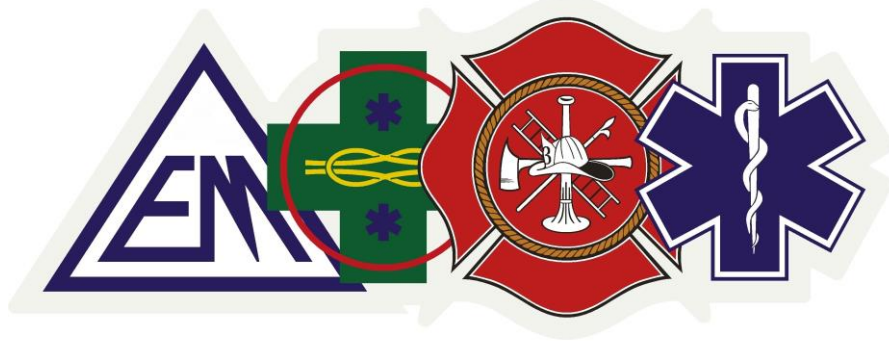
And as a bonus, for those hunting public land in particular, if another hunter approaches your setup, call out in a loud, clear voice. Make sure your presence is acknowledged before you move. Never wave to alert another hunter of your presence.

Spring turkey season is an exciting time of year. We hope you accomplish all of your spring hunting goals and stay safe.

Anyone who witnesses suspicious activity such as poaching or baiting may be eligible to receive a reward (up to \$1,000) by reporting information that leads to a conviction to the Turn-In-Poachers program. For information on eligible violations and to learn how to submit a tip, visit [ncwildlife.org/wildtip](http://ncwildlife.org/wildtip).

For regulations and restrictions on turkey hunting, including information on youth season, refer to the [Fishing, Hunting & Trapping Regulations | NC Wildlife](#)

# YADKIN COUNTY



## EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Yadkin County Fire Marshal's Office is proud to serve the citizens of Yadkin County by promoting the importance of fire safety through education, inspections, and investigations. The Fire Marshal's Office functions under the direction of the emergency services director.

The Fire Marshal's Office is responsible for various duties, which include:

- County Fire Inspection Program
- Fire / arson investigations
- Budget preparation
- Coordination between county government and county fire departments
- Fire prevention programs
- Response to emergency situations

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