



## National Preparedness Month

### SEPTEMBER 2023

**OLDER ADULTS** are encouraged to prepare for disasters by creating a preparedness plan and emergency kit.

#### HELPFUL HINTS TO BETTER PREPARE FOR A DISASTER...

- Plan how you will communicate during a disaster. Have a weather radio for alerts.
- Plan for food, water, and essentials for you and pets or service animals.
- Have a sufficient supply of medicines, medical supplies, batteries and chargers readily available.
- Plan for transportation if you need help evacuating.
- Plan how you will evacuate with any assistive devices, such as wheelchairs.
- Make copies important documents including of Medicaid, Medicare and other insurance cards.
- Have contact information for family, care providers or medical providers available.



## SAVE THE DATE!

In 2024, a total eclipse will go through Ohio. Start planning for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!"

**Eclipse.Ohio.Gov**

### TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE MONDAY - APRIL 8, 2024

At approximately 3:12 pm a total Solar Eclipse will make its way through Richland County, Ohio. More than 100,000 visitors are expected over the weekend.

#### How will this affect me?

With the influx of visitors traffic gridlock and delays are expected. Altered traffic patterns may be implemented across the county. Many schools will be closed. Your work schedule may be adjusted. **PREPARE TO SHELTER IN PLACE.**

#### What can you do to prepare for this event?

- Run errands/grocery shop early in the week for food and Rx. Have essentials on hand.
- Fill up your gas tank before that weekend.
- Consider scheduling medical and other appointments earlier in the week or after April 8th.

### LOCAL RESOURCES FOR THE ECLIPSE CAN BE FOUND AT...

[destinationmansfield.com/ohio-total-solar-eclipse/](https://destinationmansfield.com/ohio-total-solar-eclipse/)  
[richlandcountyoh.gov/departments/eclipse2024](https://richlandcountyoh.gov/departments/eclipse2024)  
[richlandareachamber.com/workforce/2024-total-solar-eclipse/](https://richlandareachamber.com/workforce/2024-total-solar-eclipse/)

# **OSU Mansfield/NCSC Community Resource Fair**



**Mansfield City Schools**  
Richland County CERT along with  
EMA staff assisted with traffic  
control to get the year off to a  
smooth start.  
Contact EMA if you need  
volunteers for an event  
419-774-5686

**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR  
PROCLAMATIONS ISSUED FOR  
NAT'L PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

*City of Mansfield*

*City of Ontario*

*City of Shelby*

*Village of Bellville*



**Thanks to the Richland County  
CERT/MRC team members  
and Red Cross for assisting  
with the fair booth.**

**EMA assisted with  
ASHLAND COUNTY EMA  
Amish Safety Day**



**District 5 Area Agency on Aging  
partnered with EMA to host a  
PREPAREDNESS EVENT...staff assisted  
seniors with signing up for weather alerts**



**THANK YOU TO AAA5 FOR  
DONATING WEATHER RADIOS**



**[RICHLANDCOUNTYOH.GOV/RCALERTS](http://RICHLANDCOUNTYOH.GOV/RCALERTS)**



**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ...  
WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
IN YOUR COMMUNITY?  
CONTACT RICHLAND COUNTY EMA  
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**OUT & ABOUT...**

**UPCOMING ECLIPSE COMMUNITY MEETINGS  
BUTLER VILLAGE HALL -TUES., OCT. 24, 7 PM  
MADISON JR HIGH - MON., NOV. 13, 7PM  
PIONEER - TUES., JAN. 23, 7PM**

**RICHLAND COUNTY EMA  
597 PARK AVE. EAST, MANSFIELD**

