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Public Invited to Free Emergency Preparedness Expo

Learn valuable skills about emergency preparedness for you and your family

On Saturday, July 31, [Charleston County Government's Emergency Management Department](#) and [Lowcountry CERT \(Community Emergency Response Team\)](#) will hold the Third Annual Ready Lowcountry Emergency Awareness Expo.

This year, Lowe's has offered to host the event at its North Charleston store located at 7555 Northwoods Boulevard.

From 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., first-responders, volunteer organizations and local businesses will be offering valuable survival tips, information and resources on preparing for any disaster.

The expo is free to the public and will cover hurricane preparedness, earthquake safety, fire prevention, evacuation, home safety and business preparedness.

The expo will include informative and interactive displays to include:

- Information for families, businesses and children on how to prepare for any emergency
- Interactive kids area to demonstrate fire safety and other prevention tips
- Equipment displays from federal, county and municipal governments, volunteer organizations and local businesses to include rescue boats, fire trucks, etc.
- A silent auction, with all proceeds benefiting Lowcountry CERT, a 501(c) 3 organization, and the local community. For more information, visit www.LCERT.org.

[Ready Lowcountry](#) was developed as a local National Preparedness Month Resource Center to provide tools, resources and education that citizens can utilize to help prepare their homes, businesses and communities for all types of hazards. Everyone is encouraged to use these resources throughout the year to help keep the community prepared.

For more information about the national Ready Campaign, visit www.ready.gov.

Ready Lowcountry Partners are:

- [American Red Cross, Lowcountry Chapter](#)
- [Atlantic Business Continuity Services](#)
- [Business Continuity Planning Council](#)
- [Charleston County Emergency Management](#)
- [Charleston County Government](#)
- [Charleston County Parks and Recreation](#)
- [Charleston County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad](#)
- [Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce](#)

- [City of Charleston](#)
- [City of North Charleston](#)
- [Dorchester County Government](#)
- [East Cooper Community Outreach](#)
- [Lowcountry CERT \(Community Emergency Response Team\)](#)
- [Lowcountry Medical Reserve Corps](#)
- [Lowe's, North Charleston](#)
- [Pro Pac, Inc.](#)
- [Ramada Inn, North Charleston](#)
- [SC Earthquake Education and Preparedness \(College of Charleston Geology Department\)](#)
- [South Carolina Emergency Management Division](#)
- [Town of Mt. Pleasant](#)
- [Trident United Way, 2-1-1](#)
- [U.S. Coast Guard Sector Charleston](#)