

# OEM CHRONICLE

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## Winter Weather



Now that it is November, it is an ideal time to start preparing our homes and cars for the [winter weather that is ahead](#). Missouri's winter weather is so unpredictable! Many winter storms keep us from leaving the house/work, cause us to be stuck on the highway for hours and often involve power outages. If we aren't prepared, they can really cause fear, anxiety, and discomfort! If you haven't already, [create a family plan](#) and make sure to have an emergency kit for [your home](#) and your [car](#). Make it a family activity by involving everyone in the preparations. [Kids can create an emergency kit of their own too!](#)

## Holiday Cooking



Here at the OEM, we want to make sure that your Thanksgiving goes over smoothly and has a safe and happy ending. Follow these Holiday Cooking Safety Tips below to reduce your chances of a kitchen disaster.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen—turn off the stove!
- Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Position grills at least 10 feet away from siding and deck railings, & out from under eaves or branches.
- Keep a fire extinguisher available.

[Learn more about preventing homes fires on the CDC's website.](#)

## Public Assistance Updates



Boone County currently has two active Public Assistance (PA) applications. The first is for the COVID-19 pandemic and the second is for the flooding events during June 24th—July 1st. The Boone County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to submit all costs related to the pandemic. The OEM has submitted 2020 costs and continues to track 2021 costs as they are incurred. In addition, the OEM is actively working with Boone County Road & Bridge to submit all costs associated with flooding of roads and bridges during the flash flooding events earlier this year. Road & Bridge has 100% of road repairs completed to-date and is working diligently to complete bridge repairs by the end of the year.

## Do1Thing Goal



**Goal for November:** Remember important items that may be overlooked when leaving your home in a disaster.

- > [Gather your supplies in an accessible place](#)
- > [Create an emergency supply kit for your pet, your car, and your workplace or school.](#)

Do1Thing is a web-based twelve month preparedness program. Every month offers a low or no-cost option for individuals (or businesses) to become better prepared for disasters and emergencies!

# OEM CALENDAR

To see the OEM's most current calendar of events, visit our [homepage!](#)

## NOVEMBER

November 2nd: OEM @ MU for Winter Safety Fair, 10am—2pm  
November 3rd: [Outdoor Warning Sirens](#) Test, 12pm  
November 4th: [CERT](#) Meeting, 6:30pm—8pm  
November 5th: November OEM Chronicle Released  
November 11th: OEM Closed to Honor Veterans Day  
November 13th: OEM monitoring EOC during MU Home Game  
November 16th: OEM presenting @ 11th Annual Parks & Rec Workshop  
November 20th: OEM monitoring EOC during MU Home Game  
November 25th & 26th: OEM Closed

## DECEMBER

December 1st: [Outdoor Warning Sirens](#) Test at 12pm  
December 3rd: December OEM Chronicle Released  
December 9th: [CERT](#) Meeting 6:30pm—8pm  
December 24th: OEM Closed  
December 25th: OEM Closed  
December 31st: OEM Closed