

# COOK NUCLEAR PLANT

2026 Emergency Information Calendar for Berrien County



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## Dear Berrien County Resident:

**This calendar includes information on what to do if there is a serious emergency in Berrien County.** That's why the information it contains is vitally important.

**Read this emergency information now. Then display it where you can access it quickly.** This calendar is published especially for people who live, work, or go to school within 10 miles of the Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgman. It is also for use by boaters, campers, and all visitors to the area.

**The best way to be safe in an emergency is to know what to do and how to help others.** In this calendar, you will learn what to do in the event of a nuclear accident, chemical spill, or an emergency weather condition such as a tornado or other dangerous condition.

**Please share this information.** Make sure your family knows what to do if an emergency occurs. Talk over the information with people at your work. Discuss it with your neighbors and friends. Find out if anyone in your neighborhood or workplace will need extra help in an emergency. Inform your neighbors or co-workers if you will need extra help. If you know people who are blind or have difficulty reading, please read this information to them. Make sure they understand it. We want everyone in our communities to be prepared to handle emergencies calmly and safely.

Sincerely,

*Indiana Michigan Power*

*Berrien County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division*

*Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division*

## CALL OR EMAIL IF YOU:

- Have questions, requests, or comments about the calendar.
- Need more information about emergency preparedness.
- Need more copies of the calendar.
- Would like to schedule a guest speaker to discuss the Berrien County Emergency Plan with your organization, company, or service club.

### Cook Energy Information Center

800-548-2555 | [cookinfo@aep.com](mailto:cookinfo@aep.com)  
One Cook Place | Bridgman, MI 49106  
[www.cookinfo.com](http://www.cookinfo.com)  
[www.aep.com](http://www.aep.com)

### Berrien County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management & Homeland Security

269-983-7141, Ext. 4915  
919 Port Street | St. Joseph, MI 49085  
[www.bcsheiff.org/emhsd](http://www.bcsheiff.org/emhsd)

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**SCAN THIS CODE TO READ THE COOK  
NUCLEAR PLANT'S EMERGENCY PLAN  
WEBPAGE OR GO TO:**

[www.cookinfo.com/EmergencyPlan.aspx](http://www.cookinfo.com/EmergencyPlan.aspx)

The Emergency Plan information contained in this calendar is available online.



**Caring About Our Community:** In 2025, Cook Plant contributed over \$500,000 in grants and community sponsorships. Included was a \$200,000 grant from The Cook Plant Foundation to pilot a new program for fighting hunger and malnutrition in Southwest Michigan.

## IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ NOW

### WHAT TO DO IF YOU RECEIVE AN EMERGENCY ALERT

In Berrien County, emergency alerts are sent through several different systems. IPAWS wireless emergency alerts, B-WARN! alerts, NOAA weather radios, and broadcasts over TV and radio are used to let you know a serious emergency is happening. Such emergencies include a nuclear accident, chemical spill, severe weather, or another dangerous condition that requires you to take action for safety. Learn more about IPAWS online by visiting the [Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division webpage](http://www.bcsheiff.org/emhsd) at [www.bcsheiff.org/emhsd](http://www.bcsheiff.org/emhsd), and look for the Public Warning Systems section.

If you receive an alert, tune in to any TV station or radio station listed in this section, or check your cell phone or another wireless communication device for emergency messages.

IPAWS is the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) national alert warning system that delivers messages via WEA, EAS, and NOAA weather radio. You will need to sign up for the other alert system the county uses called B-WARN!.

- **Cell phones and other wireless devices receive IPAWS Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA).** These are text-like alerts that loudly alert your phone if the setting to receive local emergency alerts is turned on. If your wireless carrier participates in the WEA system, you will receive emergency alerts automatically. WEA messages are not charged to your wireless data plan. You may need to turn on this feature to receive the alerts. Contact your phone provider or store for assistance on how to turn these settings on.
- **Emergency Alert System (EAS) messages are sent through TV and radio stations.** All of the TV and radio stations listed here are part of the EAS. Some of the stations may experience a delay in getting emergency information out due to computerized programming or limited broadcast scheduling. Check all of the listed stations until you find one that is broadcasting emergency information.
- **NOAA Weather Radios will also alert and broadcast emergency information** when the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Northern Indiana activates them at the request of county officials.
- **B-WARN! is a system you sign up for.** It allows you to enter landline phone numbers, cell numbers, text message numbers, pagers, email addresses, and fax numbers to be alerted in an emergency. This system also allows you to enter addresses for places you want to be alerted even if you are not there, such as a child's school or your home while you are away. Sign up at [www.bcsheiff.org/bwarn](http://www.bcsheiff.org/bwarn).

If you believe, for whatever reason, the above methods will not alert you, please go online. Fill out and send this year's Functional Needs Emergency Information and Registry: [www.berriencounty.org/extrahelp](http://www.berriencounty.org/extrahelp)

#### VACATIONERS AND VISITORS:

**If you receive an emergency alert while vacationing or visiting the area, follow the instructions included in the alert.** If you are outdoors, seek shelter indoors. Tune in to one of the TV or radio stations listed on this page for more detailed information. Follow all directions given by park officials, sheriff, and police officers.

#### BOATERS AND CAMPERS:

**If you receive an emergency alert while boating, do not wait for further warning.** Tune in to marine channel 16 (156.8 MHz) or an area AM/FM radio station listed below for emergency information. Mariners are encouraged to keep their radios tuned to channel 16 when on Lake Michigan to receive emergency information. Marine patrol boats will also warn boaters on Lake Michigan if there is a serious emergency. You will be told the location of safe waterways and docking areas.

**If you receive an emergency alert while camping, hiking, swimming, or visiting area parks, follow all emergency instructions from park officials.** At Warren Dunes and Grand Mere State Parks, officials will use the public address system or mobile alert units to let you know what to do. At other local parks, immediately tune in to an area radio station listed below and follow instructions.

#### Emergency Alert System (EAS) area radio & TV stations

Tune in to one of these radio or TV stations for emergency information. All call letters are accurate at the time of printing. All stations are on the air 24 hours. Check your cable or satellite provider for your channel lineup.

Radio				
AM	FM			
WHFB - 1060	WAUS - 90.7	WEFM - 95.9	WCXT - 98.3	WCSY - 103.7
WNIL - 1290	WSJM - 94.9	WCOE - 96.7	WYTZ - 99.9	WQYQ - 106.1
WQYQ - 1400	WTRC - 95.3	WRRR - 97.5	WAOR - 102.7	WIRX - 107.1
TV				
WNDU - NBC 16	WNDU - 16.2	WSBT - CBS 22.1	WBND - ABC 57	
WNDU - NBC 16.1	WSBT - CBS 22	WSBT - FOX 22.2	WBND - ABC 57.1	

**FOLLOW ALL BROADCAST INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY.**

The radio or TV announcer will tell you what actions you should take – if any.





ST. JOSEPH LIGHTHOUSE | ST. JOSEPH  
John LaVanture | Berrien Springs



# JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DECEMBER 2025 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	FEBRUARY 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	SAFETY TIP: Make sure to turn on the notification settings on your mobile devices to receive local emergency alerts.		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY KWANZAA ENDS	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Winter Programs Begin Krasl Art Gallery, St. Joseph	14	15	16	17
18	19 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Chili Tour Downtown St. Joseph	31 St. Joe Winter Beer Fest Downtown St. Joseph




MIDNIGHT IN MOTION | GALIEN

Lauren Kemp | Sawyer



# FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2 GROUNDHOG DAY	3	4	5	6 Ice Fest Feb. 6-8, Downtown St. Joseph	7 Material Memory Exhibition Krasl Art Gallery Through May 10, St. Joseph	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	
15 MAHA SHIVARATRI	16 PRESIDENTS' DAY	17 CHINESE NEW YEAR BEGINS RAMADAN BEGINS MARDI GRAS	18 ASH WEDNESDAY/FIRST DAY OF LENT	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 SMSO: Mozart's Greatest Hits First Congregational Church St. Joseph	
<div>JANUARY</div> <div>12345678910111213141516171819202122232425262728293031</div>		<div>MARCH</div> <div>12345678910111213141516171819202122232425262728293031</div>		<div>SAFETY TIP:</div> <div>Contact your cell phone provider to see if they participate in WEA and if your phone is capable of receiving alerts.</div>			<div></div> <div>Take winter photos in Berrien County for our 2027 calendar. See contest rules at: <a href="http://cookphotocontest.com">cookphotocontest.com</a>.</div>





GRACKLE | BRIDGMAN

John Kubicek | Bridgman



# MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <b>PURIM</b> Savor the Shoreline Select Restaurants, Through Mar. 31 St. Joseph/Benton Harbor	3 <b>CHINESE NEW YEAR ENDS</b>	4 <b>HOLI</b>	5	6 <b>March Mannequins</b> Downtown St. Joseph	7 <b>Spring Artisan Market</b> Union + Social, St. Joseph
8 <b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS</b>	9	10	11	12	13	14 <b>Coloma St. Patrick's Evening Lighted Parade</b> Downtown Coloma
15	16	17 <b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b>	18	19 <b>RAMADAN ENDS</b>	20 <b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING VERNAL EQUINOX</b>	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	30	31 <b>Spring Break Camps</b> Krasl Art Gallery Through Apr. 3, St. Joseph	<b>SAFETY TIP:</b> Will you or someone you know need extra help in the event of an emergency? Visit <a href="http://www.berriencounty.org/extrahelist">www.berriencounty.org/extrahelist</a> .		<b>FEBRUARY</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	<b>APRIL</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30




PAWS AND REFLECT | BENTON HARBOR

Joel Johnson | Benton Harbor



# APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>MARCH</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<b>SAFETY TIP:</b> Tune to one of the radio or TV stations listed on page 2 for emergency information.		<b>1</b> PASSOVER BEGINS	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> GOOD FRIDAY	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> EASTER	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> PASSOVER ENDS	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Spring Programs Begin Krasl Art Gallery, St. Joseph	<b>15</b> TAX DAY	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> EARTH DAY ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY	<b>23</b> TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS & SONS TO WORK DAY	<b>24</b> ARBOR DAY	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> SMSO: LMYO Spring Concert Howard Performing Arts Center Berrien Springs	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	 Take spring photos in Berrien County for our 2027 calendar. See contest rules at: <a href="http://cookphotocontest.com">cookphotocontest.com</a> .	<b>MAY</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



STOVER'S AT SUNSET | BERRIEN SPRINGS  
Samantha Bowen | St. Joseph



# MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>APRIL</div> <div>1 2 3 4</div> <div>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</div> <div>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</div> <div>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</div> <div>26 27 28 29 30</div>	<div>JUNE</div> <div>1 2 3 4 5 6</div> <div>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</div> <div>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</div> <div>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</div> <div>28 29 30</div>	<b>SAFETY TIP:</b> Get an Emergency Information card for your boat or camper. Email us at <a href="mailto:cookinfo@aep.com">cookinfo@aep.com</a> .			1	2
3 Antiques on the Bluff St. Joseph	4	5 CINCO DE MAYO	6	7	8	9 SMSO: Bernstein & Tchaikovsky LMC Mendel Center Jenkins Theater, Benton Harbor
10 MOTHER'S DAY	11	12	13	14	15	16 ARMED FORCES DAY Sculpture Exhibition Krasl Art Gallery Through Aug. 9, St. Joseph
17	18	19	20	21	22 Memorial Day Parade Downtown St. Joseph	23 St. Joseph Lighthouse Tours Tiscornia Park, St. Joseph Saturdays through Sept. 5 Farmers Market Saturdays through Oct. 10 St. Joseph
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26	27	28	29	30 Lake Bluff Artisan Fair St. Joseph
31						






WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT? | BARODA

Holly Busick | Baroda



# JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>MAY</div> <div>1 2</div> <div>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</div> <div>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</div> <div>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</div> <div>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</div> <div>31</div>	1	2 Summer Programs Begin Krasl Art Gallery, St. Joseph	3	4	5	6 D-DAY St. Joseph Lighthouse Tours Tiscornia Park, St. Joseph Saturdays through Sept. 5 Farmers Market Saturdays through Oct. 10 St. Joseph
7 Antiques on the Bluff St. Joseph	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 FLAG DAY	15	16	17	18	19 JUNETEENTH	20
21 FATHER'S DAY FIRST DAY OF SUMMER SUMMER SOLSTICE	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	<div>  <p>Take summer photos in Berrien County for our 2027 calendar. See contest rules at: <a href="http://cookphotocontest.com">cookphotocontest.com</a>.</p> </div> <div> <p><b>SAFETY TIP:</b> If you raise livestock, your first priority is to protect dairy cows.</p> </div>			<div>JULY</div> <div>1 2 3 4</div> <div>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</div> <div>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</div> <div>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</div> <div>26 27 28 29 30 31</div>



TASTE THAT DIRT! | REDBUD MX  
Carissa Paquette | Berrien Springs



# JULY


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>JUNE</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	<b>SAFETY TIP:</b> In some emergencies it may be safer to stay inside rather than evacuate. Listen to your TV or radio for instructions.		1	2	3 Watervliet Independence Weekend Celebration July 3-5, Watervliet Baroda Fireworks	4 <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> St. Joseph Lighthouse Tours Tiscornia Park, St. Joseph Saturdays through Sept. 5 Farmers Market Saturdays through Oct. 10 St. Joseph
5 Antiques on the Bluff St. Joseph	6	7	8	9	10 Krasl Art Fair Block Party On the Bluff, St. Joseph	11 63rd Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff July 11-12, St. Joseph
12	13	14	15 Brown Bag Concert Series Wednesdays through Aug. 26 John E.N. Howard Bandshell St. Joseph	16	17 Friday Night Concert Series Fridays through Aug. 28 John E.N. Howard Bandshell St. Joseph Mike Yore Memorial Car Show Downtown St. Joseph	18 Lake Bluff Artisan Fair St. Joseph
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Coloma Glad Peach Festival July 31-Aug. 1, Coloma Chalk the Block, July 31-Aug. 2 Downtown St. Joseph	<b>AUGUST</b> <div>             1              2 3 4 5 6 7 8              9 10 11 12 13 14 15              16 17 18 19 20 21 22              23 24 25 26 27 28 29              30 31           </div>



SUNSPOT | TWIN MAPLE ORCHARD  
Jordan Brennan | Niles



# AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>JULY</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<b>SEPTEMBER</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	<b>SAFETY TIP:</b> Be prepared. Make an emergency kit. See page 16.			 Take summer photos in Berrien County for our 2027 calendar. See contest rules at: <a href="http://cookphotocontest.com">cookphotocontest.com</a> .	<b>1</b> St. Joseph Lighthouse Tours Tiscornia Park, St. Joseph Saturdays through Sept. 5 Farmers Market Saturdays through Oct. 10 St. Joseph Fort St. Joseph Archaeology Open House, Aug. 1-2, Niles
<b>2</b> Antiques on the Bluff St. Joseph	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Brown Bag Concert Series Wednesdays through Aug. 26 John E.N. Howard Bandshell St. Joseph	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Friday Night Concert Series Fridays through Aug. 28 John E.N. Howard Bandshell St. Joseph	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Lake Bluff Artisan Fair St. Joseph Contemporary Painting Group Exhibition, Krasl Art Gallery Through Nov. 8, St. Joseph
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Berrien County Youth Fair Aug. 17-22, Berrien Springs	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					





MISTY MORNING | BERRIEN SPRINGS  
Lisa Constant | Berrien Springs



# SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>AUGUST</b> <div>1</div> <div>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</div> <div>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</div> <div>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</div> <div>23 24 25 26 27 28 29</div> <div>30 31</div>	<b>OCTOBER</b> <div>1 2 3</div> <div>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</div> <div>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</div> <div>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</div> <div>25 26 27 28 29 30 31</div>	1	2	3	4	<b>5</b> St. Joseph Lighthouse Tours Tiscornia Park, St. Joseph  Farmers Market Saturdays through Oct. 10 St. Joseph  Lake Bluff Artisan Fair St. Joseph
<b>6</b> Antiques on the Bluff St. Joseph	<b>7</b> LABOR DAY	<b>8</b> LAST DAY TO SUBMIT PHOTOS FOR THE 2027 CALENDAR CONTEST	9	10	<b>11</b> ROSH HASHANAH BEGINS PATRIOT DAY	12
<b>13</b> ROSH HASHANAH ENDS	14	<b>15</b> Fall Programs Begin Krasl Art Gallery, St. Joseph	16	17	18	<b>19</b> Fall Fest Downtown St. Joseph
<b>20</b> YOM KIPPUR BEGINS	<b>21</b> YOM KIPPUR ENDS	<b>22</b> FIRST DAY OF FALL AUTUMNAL EQUINOX	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	<b>SAFETY TIP:</b> If you are told to seek shelter or stay indoors, DO NOT pick up your children from school or day care until you are told it is safe to do so by authorities. Your child's school may move to another location for safety or as a precaution, and you will be notified where to pick them up when it is safe.		



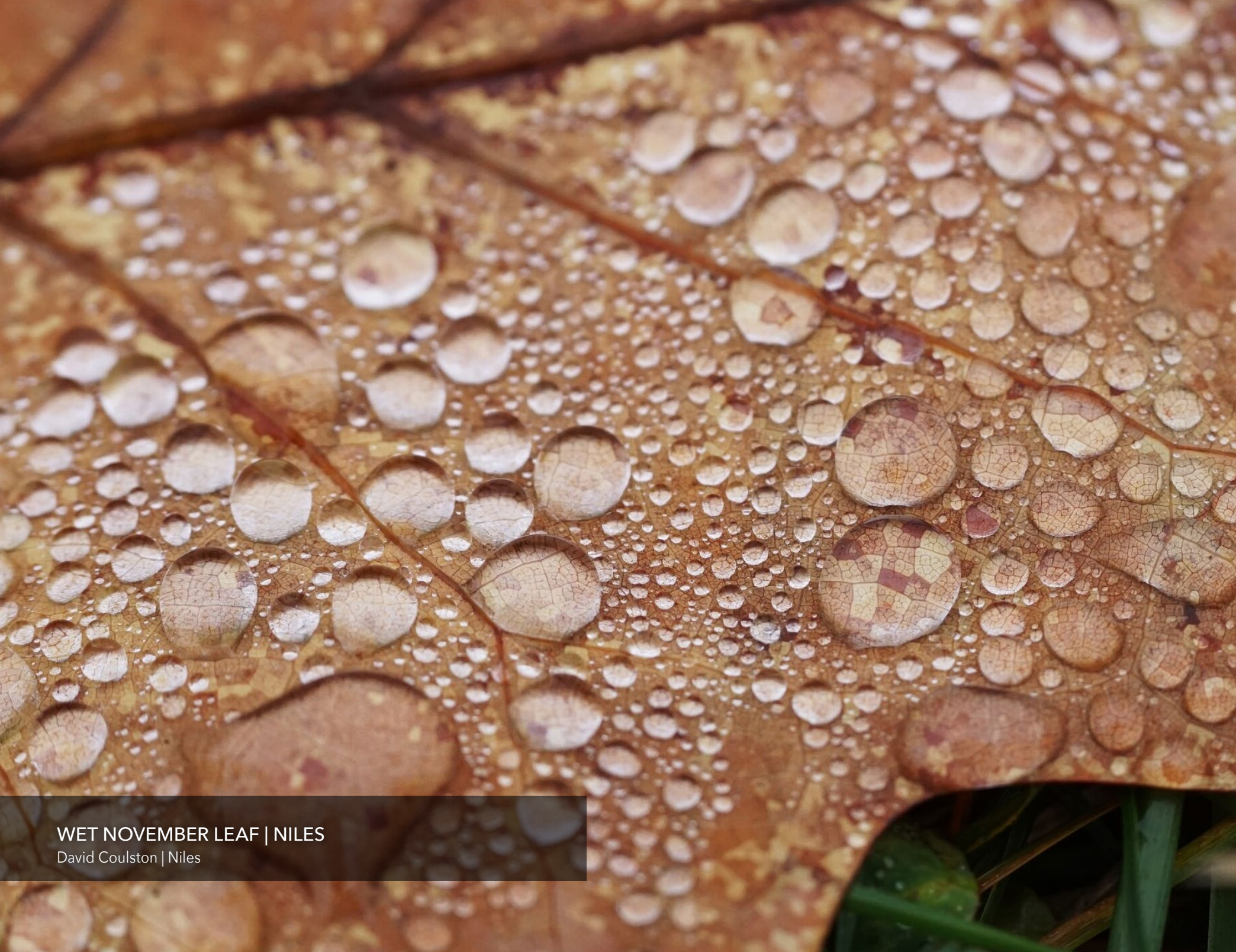
## FLOWING THROUGH FALL | BUCHANAN

Molly Pate | Berrien Springs



# OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>SEPTEMBER</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	<b>NOVEMBER</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	<b>SAFETY TIP:</b> Call or email us if you need more information about emergency preparation. See page 2 for contact information.		<b>1</b> Four Flags Area Apple Festival Corner of 17th & Lake Street Oct. 1-4, Niles	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 47th Annual Chapel Hill Arts & Crafts Show, Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds, Berrien Springs Farmers Market Saturdays through Oct. 10 St. Joseph
<b>4</b> Antiques on the Bluff St. Joseph	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> COLUMBUS DAY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> BOSS'S DAY	<b>17</b> SWEETEST DAY Downtown Spooktacular Downtown St. Joseph
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Pumpkins on Parade Oct. 19-31, Throughout SWMI	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Halloween Trick-Or-Treat Downtown St. Joseph/Benton Harbor Arts District	<b>31</b> HALLOWEEN



WET NOVEMBER LEAF | NILES  
David Coulston | Niles



# NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS ALL SAINTS' DAY DAY OF THE DEAD BEGINS	2 DAY OF THE DEAD ENDS	3 ELECTION DAY	4	5	6	7
8 DIWALI	9	10	11 VETERANS DAY	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Luminary Festival Downtown St. Joseph	21 Annual Community Members' Show, Krasl Art Gallery Through Jan. 10, St. Joseph Holiday Magic Niles History Center
22	23	24	25	26 THANKSGIVING	27 LIGHTS Fernwood Botanical Garden Through Jan. 3, Niles	28 Small Business Saturday Throughout SWMI Open House, Niles History Center
29 ADVENT BEGINS	30	<b>SAFETY TIP:</b> Minimize telephone or internet use during a serious emergency. It is important to keep lines open for emergency use.			<b>OCTOBER</b> <div> <div>12345678910111213141516171819202122232425262728293031</div> </div>	<b>DECEMBER</b> <div> <div>12345678910111213141516171819202122232425262728293031</div> </div>





LIGHT TUNNEL AT FERNWOOD | NILES

Kim Lis | South Bend



# DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>NOVEMBER</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	<b>JANUARY 2027</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1	2	3	<b>4 HANUKKAH BEGINS</b> Merry & Bright Weekend, Dec. 4-6 Throughout SWMI	<b>5</b> Reindog Parade Downtown St. Joseph Santa's House open: 4-7 p.m. Downtown St. Joseph
<b>6</b> Holiday Artisan Market Union + Social, St. Joseph Santa's House open: 1-5 p.m. Downtown St. Joseph	<b>7 PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY</b>	8	9	<b>10</b> Santa's House open: 4-6 p.m. Downtown St. Joseph	<b>11</b> Santa's House open: 4-6 p.m. Downtown St. Joseph	<b>12 HANUKKAH ENDS</b> Santa's House open: 12-5 p.m. Downtown St. Joseph Holiday Evening Open House Niles History Center
<b>13</b> Santa's House open: 1-5 p.m. Downtown St. Joseph	14	15	16	<b>17</b> Santa's House open: 4-6 p.m. Downtown St. Joseph	<b>18</b> Santa's House open: 4-6 p.m. Downtown St. Joseph	<b>19</b> Santa's House open: 12-5 p.m. Downtown St. Joseph
<b>20</b> Santa's House open: 1-5 p.m. Downtown St. Joseph	<b>21 FIRST DAY OF WINTER WINTER SOLSTICE</b> Santa's House open: 12-5 p.m. Downtown St. Joseph	<b>22</b> Santa's House open: 12-5 p.m. Downtown St. Joseph	<b>23</b> Santa's House open: 12-5 p.m. Downtown St. Joseph	<b>24 CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	<b>25 CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	<b>26 KWANZAA BEGINS</b>
27	28	<b>29</b> Winter Break Camps Krasl Art Gallery Through Dec. 31, St. Joseph	30	<b>31 NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>	<b>SAFETY TIP:</b> See page 15 for the addresses of four emergency Public Reception Centers.	

# COOK NUCLEAR PLANT EMERGENCY PLANNING ZONE

This map shows where the Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) is – a 10-mile radius around the Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgman. Berrien County's emergency warning system alerts people county-wide, including anyone living within the EPZ and those who do not.

Inside the EPZ are the Protective Action Areas. These areas will be identified by the numbers shown on the map. For example, the TV or radio station may say, "Protective Action Area 1 must evacuate," or, "Protective Action Area 2 must take shelter." Know which Protective Action Area you live, work, or are boating in so you can respond promptly to instructions.

**To find out which planning zone your address is in**, please go to [www.berriencounty.org/1990/DC-Cook---Know-Your-Zone](http://www.berriencounty.org/1990/DC-Cook---Know-Your-Zone) for an interactive map.

## PUBLIC RECEPTION CENTERS

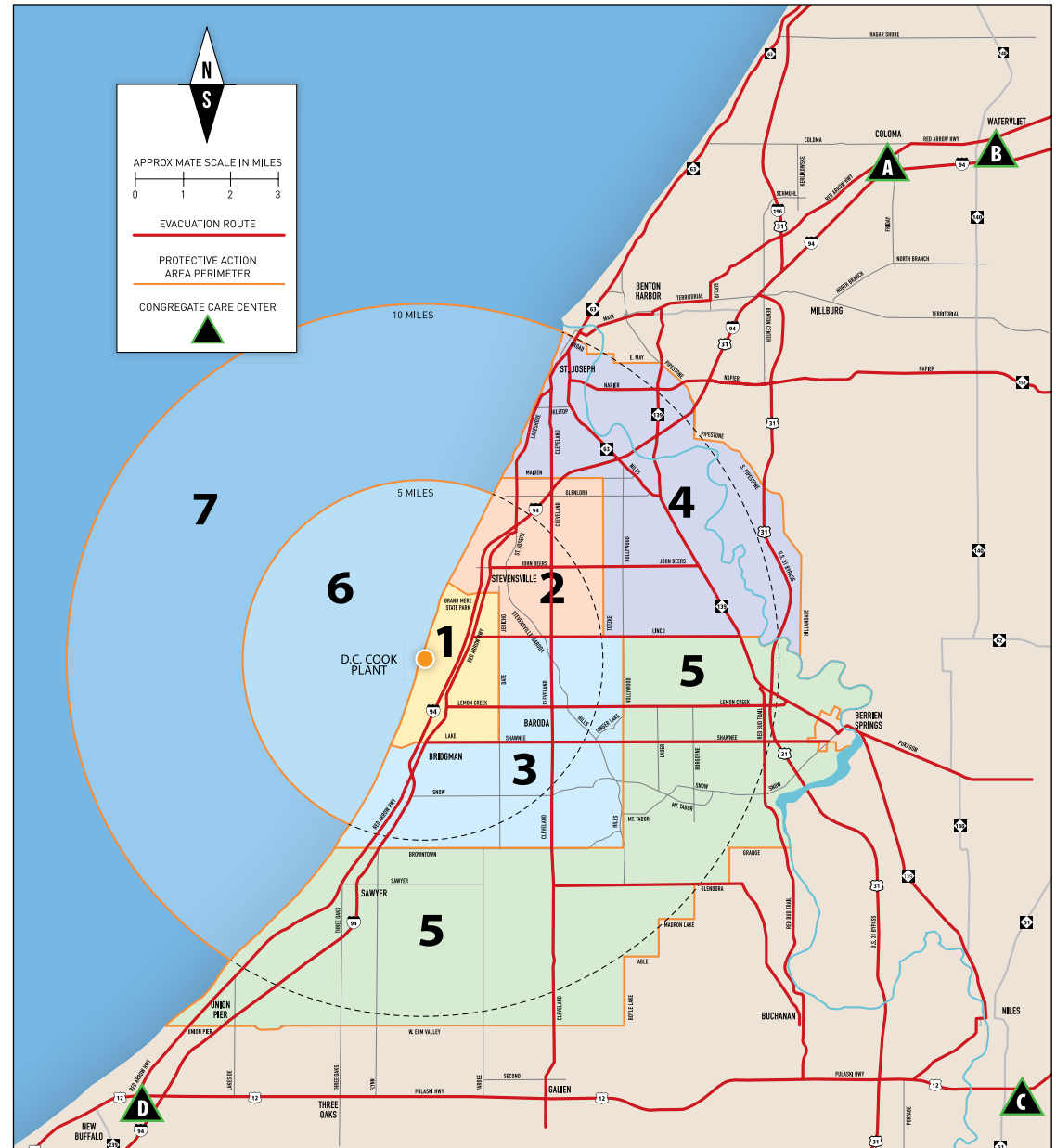
The four Public Reception Centers are listed below the map. If you are told to evacuate, listen to an area radio or TV station (page 2) to learn which centers are open.

## WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

- ❑ **Basics:** this calendar, cash, portable radio, flashlight, extra batteries, keys, tool kit, credit/debit cards, checkbook, wallet, purse, cell phone, and charger
- ❑ **Bedding:** blankets, pillows, sleeping bags
- ❑ **Toiletries:** soap, towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, sanitary supplies
- ❑ **Special items:** special-diet foods, baby formula and bottles, diapers, favorite toys, or games
- ❑ **Health supplies:** medicines, glasses, dentures, hearing aids, first-aid kit, prescription information
- ❑ **Identification:** driver's license, credit cards, important papers
- ❑ **Pet supplies:** food, water, medicines, leashes, tags

## ONCE YOU ARE IN YOUR VEHICLE

- ▶ **Drive carefully.** There is no need to speed. Follow directions of all sheriff, police, and traffic officers.
- ▶ **Close all windows and vents.** Shut off heating and air conditioning.
- ▶ **Listen to the radio (see page 2).** Follow emergency instructions broadcast on your car or portable radio. You will be told when it is safe to return.



**A**  
COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL  
300 W. St. Joseph St., Coloma  
(Red Arrow Highway)

**B**  
WATERVLIET HIGH SCHOOL  
450 E. Red Arrow Highway  
Watervliet

**C**  
BRANDYWINE HIGH SCHOOL  
1700 Bell Road, Niles  
(South of Niles & East of M-51)

**D**  
NEW BUFFALO HIGH SCHOOL  
1112 E. Clay St., New Buffalo  
(South of U.S. 12)



## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOW ONLINE



### SCAN THIS CODE TO READ THE COOK NUCLEAR PLANT'S EMERGENCY PLAN WEBPAGE OR GO TO:

[www.cookinfo.com/EmergencyPlan.aspx](http://www.cookinfo.com/EmergencyPlan.aspx)

The Emergency Plan information contained in this calendar is available online. There is also additional vitally important information that we encourage you to **read now**.

**The best way to be safe in an emergency is to know what to do and how to help others.** On this website, you will learn what to do if there is a nuclear accident, chemical spill, or an emergency weather condition such as a tornado or another dangerous condition.

Full details are provided online at the Emergency Plan website about:

### INTEGRATED PUBLIC ALERT SYSTEM & B-WARN!

The Berrien County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division uses two alert systems simultaneously to warn the community of emergencies: IPAWS and B-WARN!. Together, they will inform people in Berrien County when protective action should be taken for emergencies. Messages will be sent to residents, workers, visitors, boaters, campers, and travelers in the county.

### FUNCTIONAL NEEDS EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND REGISTRY

If you or someone you know has a functional need such as vision or hearing impairments, physical or mental disabilities, or no means of transportation or ability to be alerted, please inform the county by filling out and submitting the Functional Needs Emergency Information card available online at [www.berriencounty.org/extrahelp/elist](http://www.berriencounty.org/extrahelp/elist).

### IMPORTANT NUCLEAR EMERGENCY INFORMATION TERMS AND RADIATION FACTS

In the unlikely event of an emergency at the Cook Nuclear Plant, four terms will be used to describe the situation. These emergency classifications from least to most serious include: (1) Unusual Event, (2) Alert, (3) Site Area Emergency, and (4) General Emergency. The Emergency Plan webpage explains each term, defines radiation and contamination, and provides additional facts about the types of radiation and their effects.

### STATE OF MICHIGAN POTASSIUM IODIDE DISTRIBUTION AND 2026 POTASSIUM IODIDE (KI) VOUCHER

Potassium iodide (KI) is free for anyone who lives or works within 10 miles of the Cook Nuclear Plant. Learn what KI does, where it's available, and how to use the website voucher to get it.

### NOTICE TO FARMERS, FOOD PROCESSORS, AND DISTRIBUTORS

The State of Michigan is committed to evaluating the seriousness of a nuclear accident and protecting its people and food supply. This section covers critical information about when to seek shelter, evacuate and how to protect water, livestock and poultry. It also provides details of what to do with contaminated feed, food, and products, and who will pay the cost for lost and destroyed products.

### For more information about farm/food distribution, contact:

#### MSU-BERRIEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

269-927-5674

1737 Hillandale Road

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

[www.canr.msu.edu/berrien/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/berrien/)

If you have questions about a real or potential emergency, you may also contact:

#### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

800-292-3939

[www.michigan.gov/mdard](http://www.michigan.gov/mdard)

If you have a general question or need advice during an event, email Cook Emergency at [cook\\_emergency\\_equery@aep.com](mailto:cook_emergency_equery@aep.com).

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE TOLD TO SEEK SHELTER OR STAY INDOORS

For many emergencies, it may be safer to stay indoors. During a severe weather emergency, for example, buildings offer the best protection, especially basements. While indoors, do the following:

- ▶ **Keep calm.** Panic is your worst enemy in any emergency.
- ▶ **Close all windows and doors, and bring pets inside.**
- ▶ **Turn off all air-intake systems** such as fans and air conditioners. Turn down the furnace thermostat. Close fireplace dampers.
- ▶ **If your building has a basement, take a radio and go there.**
- ▶ **Do not go outside until you are told it is safe to go out or are told to evacuate.** If you must go outdoors briefly to warn someone during a nuclear emergency, cover your nose and mouth with a cloth towel or scarf.
- ▶ **Do not use the telephone or the internet** unless it is absolutely necessary. It's important to keep telephone lines open for emergency use.
- ▶ **Stay out of your car or vehicle in a weather emergency.** Seek shelter in the basement of a nearby building or a ditch until the weather emergency passes.
- ▶ **Do not pick up children from schools or day care centers.** School staff and child caregivers will keep children in school until it is safe to go out again. Listen for directions on TV or radio stations (see page 2) about where and when they can be picked up. Visit your school's website to learn more about their plan.
- ▶ **Do not worry if you or your family members are in a hospital** or other special-care facility, as they also have emergency procedures.

### PLAN AHEAD FOR SHELTERING IN PLACE

- ▶ **Have ready access to:**
  - A battery-operated radio and flashlight plus extra batteries.
  - A 10-day supply of prescriptions and medications.
  - Three-days' supply of non-perishable food and beverages for your household and pets.



#### ANYONE WITH FUNCTIONAL NEEDS:

If you might need special help in an emergency, please inform the county by filling out and submitting the Functional Needs Emergency Information and Registry available online at [www.berriencounty.org/extrahelpist](http://www.berriencounty.org/extrahelpist).

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE TOLD TO EVACUATE

### ONLY CALL 911 IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING AN EMERGENCY:

If you have a general question or need advice during an event, email Cook Emergency at [cook\\_emergency\\_equery@aep.com](mailto:cook_emergency_equery@aep.com).

- ▶ **Listen to the radio or TV (see page 2) for instructions.** They will give you evacuation routes and directions to open Public Reception Centers.
- ▶ **Go directly to a Public Reception Center and register.** Follow the broadcast evacuation route instructions to the nearest open Public Reception Center. Please register when you arrive so family and friends will know where you are. After you have registered, you may go to stay with friends or family who live outside the danger area. If you prefer, you will be assigned to a safe, nearby gathering place.
- ▶ **Stay calm.** You and others with you should have time to get ready to leave safely.
- ▶ **Take only essential items.** Pack as if you were going on a trip for only a few days.
- ▶ **Do not take firearms, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs.**
- ▶ **If you have filled out and sent the online Functional Needs Emergency Information and Registry, you will receive the necessary assistance.** If you need help, listen to a local TV or radio station listed on page 2 for the telephone number you can call.
- ▶ **Have a plan for your pets.** Public Reception Centers will only accept service animals. Make arrangements to stay with relatives, friends, or at a pet-friendly hotel outside of the area. Bring pet supplies with you. Animal Control will be at the Public Reception Centers to provide additional options and advice. For more information, go to [ready.gov/pets](http://ready.gov/pets), [PetTravel.com](http://PetTravel.com), and [PetsWelcome.com](http://PetsWelcome.com).
- ▶ **Turn off small appliances, lights, and water faucets.** However, leave your refrigerator and freezer on.
- ▶ **Turn off all air-intake systems** such as fans and air conditioning. Turn down the furnace thermostat. Close fireplace dampers.
- ▶ **Close and lock all windows and doors.** The evacuated area will be secured and you will not be allowed to return until it is safe.
- ▶ **Check on neighbors.** Make sure they know how to evacuate and that they have transportation.



## PREPARING FOR AN EMERGENCY EVENT

Emergency situations often catch people off guard. A good way to stay safe in an emergency is to know what to do ahead of time. Here are five steps you can take now to make sure you, your family, and your co-workers are prepared to handle any emergency.

**1. After you read all of the Emergency Information at [www.cookinfo.com/EmergencyPlan.aspx](http://www.cookinfo.com/EmergencyPlan.aspx), please share it with your family or co-workers.**

Display this calendar as a quick reference.

**2. Keep the following items together in a safe, easy-to-get-to place:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency cash         | <input type="checkbox"/> Debit cards     | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Important papers       | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable radio  | <input type="checkbox"/> Potassium iodide (KI) if obtained in advance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-aid kit          | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra batteries |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra keys             | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription medicines | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet supplies    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Checkbook              | <input type="checkbox"/> Credit cards    |   |

**3. Make a list of personal instructions** that you, your family, or co-workers will need to follow in an emergency. Keep a list of supplies you may need with the instructions. Include on your supply list the items in step 2 above and the evacuation supplies listed on this page.

**4. Keep your vehicle in good running order.** Fill your gas tank whenever it gets below half. If you do not have a car or do not have someone to drive you in an emergency, fill out and submit the Functional Needs Emergency Information and Registry available online at: [www.berriencounty.org/extrahelpist](http://www.berriencounty.org/extrahelpist).

**5. If you know people who have functional needs, make sure they complete the online Functional Needs Emergency Information and Registry.** This may include anyone with vision or hearing impairments, physical or mental disabilities, or someone who has no means of transportation. Please help them fill out and send the online Functional Needs Emergency Information and Registry each year (see the link above). We have an emergency team ready to help people reach safety.

If you know someone who is vision impaired or has difficulty reading, please assist with the information in this calendar. Help display it in a visible location if others need it to assist the person with functional needs.

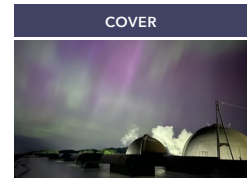
**For additional emergency preparedness tips and an online planning guide:**  
Visit [www.bcsheiff.org/emhsd](http://www.bcsheiff.org/emhsd).

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR \$500 PRIZE WINNER!

### Molly Pate of Berrien Springs is our 2026 Take Your BEST SHOT Photo Contest winner

It was tough narrowing down the 13 finalists below from this year's 432 entries. Our Facebook followers chose their favorite with the most Likes, "Flowing Through Fall" featured on the October page.

Congratulations, Molly!



### ENTER OUR 2027 CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

[www.cookphotocontest.com](http://www.cookphotocontest.com)

Take photos in Berrien County for a chance to be featured. Submissions open in May 2026 and close September 8, 2026. Visit our website for full contest rules.

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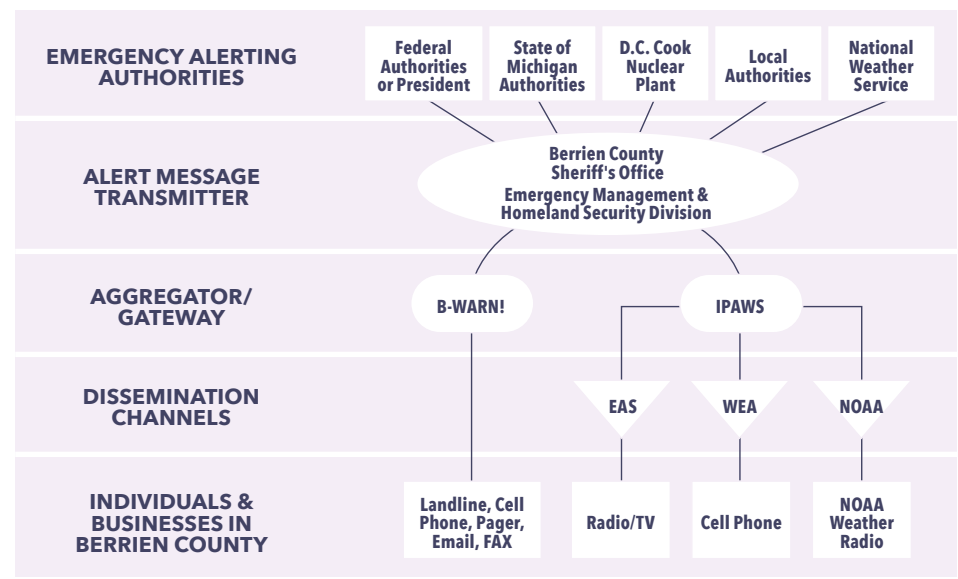
This photograph was submitted by Corey Holland, a welder at the Cook Plant. He captured a rare moment when the plant was framed by the Northern Lights shimmering over the horizon of Lake Michigan. It is a humble reminder that the sun is the superior source of energy and light.

## IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ



You will get your emergency and life-saving information on your mobile phone, email, TV, radio, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Weather Radio. Take time NOW to read details by scanning the QR Code or entering the URL below.

## BERRIEN COUNTY EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM 2026



### GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS

**B-WARN!:** Berrien Warning Alert and Regional Notifications

**EAS:** Emergency Alert System | **IPAWS:** Integrated Public Alert & Warning System

**NOAA:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration | **WEA:** Wireless Emergency Alerts



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