

BE READY St. Clair County *For Hazardous Emergencies*



WHY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS?

We have a high volume of hazardous materials passing through our county every day.

- Close to 47 million pounds per day traveling our roadways and railways.
- Over 30 pipelines crossing under the St. Clair River.
- Over 22,000 vessels traveling the St. Clair River annually - more than the number passing through the Suez or Panama canal!
- 33 locations that store extremely hazardous chemicals.

What do I do???

Please do not call 9-1-1 unless you have a life-threatening emergency. It is important to stay tuned to local television and radio stations for instructions and updates. During most chemical releases, it is safer to be inside. As such, evacuation orders are more rare than instructions to shelter-in-place. If advised to evacuate, follow the designated routes and leave the home as quickly as possible with your emergency supply kit. If you are ever advised by local officials to shelter-in-place, start by going inside immediately and closing off any sources to outside air such as open windows, furnaces, and air conditioning. Get your emergency supply kit and go to a room on the upper level of your home and shut the door. If possible, choose a room with no windows. If there are windows, you may want to cover them with plastic and duct tape. Remember that schools are some of the safest places to be. If your kids are sheltering-in-place at school, you will not be allowed to pick them up.

