

Family Emergency Disaster Plan

CREATE AN EMERGENCY PLAN

Call Iberville Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness at 225-687-5140

Find out which disasters could occur in your area.

- Ask how to prepare for each disaster.
- Ask how you would be warned of an emergency.
- Learn your community's evacuation routes.
- Ask about special assistance for elderly or disabled persons.
- Ask your workplace about emergency plans.
- Learn about emergency plans for your children's school or day care center.

DEVELOP YOUR FAMILY PLAN:

- Meet with household members. Discuss with children the dangers of fire, severe weather, earthquakes, and other emergencies.
- Discuss how to respond to each disaster that could occur.
- Discuss what to do about power outages and personal injuries.
- Draw a floor plan of your home. Mark two escape routes from each room.
- Teach everyone how to turn off the water, gas, and electricity at main switches, and how to use a fire extinguisher.
- Post emergency telephone numbers near telephones.
- Teach children how and when to call 911, police, and fire.
- Instruct household members to turn on the radio for emergency information.
- Pick one out of state and one local friend or relative for family members to call if separated by disaster (it is often easier to call out of state than within the affected area).
- Teach children how to make long distance telephone calls.
- Pick two meeting places.
 - 1) A place near your home in case of a fire.
 - 2) A place outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home after a disaster.
- Take basic first aid and CPR classes.
- Keep family records in a water and fireproof container.
- Install safety features in your house, such as smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.
- Inspect your home for potential hazards (such as items that can move, fall, break or catch fire) and correct them.

- Keep enough supplies in your home to meet your needs for at least three days.
- Keep a small disaster supplies kit in the trunk of your car.
- Practice your plan and safety drills. Replace stored water and food every six months.

BEFORE THE EMERGENCY

A. PREPARE A PLAN

1. Know your risk. Consider special circumstances of people with special needs, recreational vehicles, pets and boats.
2. Determine where you will shelter and know your evacuation routes - at home, family or friend's home if located away from the risk area, hotel located inland, or Emergency Public Shelters (no pets, alcohol, or firearms allowed).
3. Time the trip and multiply by three (3) for pre-storm road and traffic conditions.
4. Listen to a local radio or TV station for official announcements.

B. PREPARE A DISASTER SUPPLY KIT FOR EVACUATION

Store the following in sturdy, easy-to-carry containers:

- First aid kit
- Battery operated radio and/or TV, extra batteries
- Flashlight, extra batteries and bulbs
- Canned or dried food for a week, manual can opener
- Extra medicine, baby food, etc.
- Eating utensils
- Fully charged fire extinguishers
- Candles, matches or disposable lighters
- Emergency cooking facilities and fuel
- Lantern and fuel
- Water (see next page for more information)
- Bleach
- Caulk or putty to seal drain in tub
- Wide masking tape
- Strong material to board up windows
- Up-to-date emergency phone list
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Portable ice chest
- Identification and valuable papers (insurance) stored in a water tight container
- Change of clothing

For further information visit:
www.getagameplan.org

