

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Disaster can strike without warning. It can force you to evacuate your neighborhood, workplace or school or can confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services - water, gas, electricity or telephones - were cut off? Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. Therefore, the best way to make you and your family safer is to be prepared before disaster strikes. Only preparation can dispel fear.

Perhaps the most important preparation that a family can make is to be prepared for the first 72 hours after a disaster. One of the ways that we can prepare is to have enough food, water, clothing, and other essential items readily available. This means that these items should be placed in backpacks, or other small containers for each member of the family.

Your safety and well-being is our number one concern. The Village of Niles has assembled an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and will be prepared for emergencies.

Copies of the Village of Niles Emergency Preparedness Guide are available at the Village Hall (address, phone #)) and online at www.vniles.com

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS



Emergency Contact Information

Emergency: 911

Poison Control: 800-222-1222

Com-Ed: 800-334-7661

Nicor Gas: 888-642-6748

Non-Emergency Contact Information

Niles Village Hall: 847-588-8000

Non-Emergency Police: 847-588-6500

Non-Emergency Fire: 847-588-6800

Evanston Hospital: 847-570-2000

Glenbrook Hospital: 847-657-5800

Resurrection Hospital: 773-774-8000

Lutheran General Hospital: 847-723-2210

OTHER INFORMATION SOURCES

Federal Emergency Management Agency
www.fema.gov

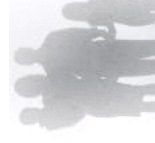
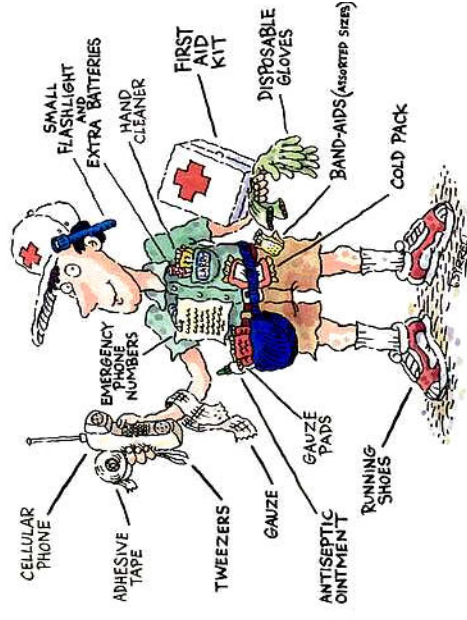
Illinois Emergency Management Agency
www.state.il.us/iem

American Red Cross
www.redcross.org

National Weather Service
www.crh.noaa.gov/lot

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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Safety Tips For You And Your Family



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MAKE A KIT

of Emergency Supplies.

ORGANIZE AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT

Check batteries, change the stored water, and rotate the food supplies every six months. Your kit should contain the following supplies:

- WATER - 3 -5 DAY SUPPLY**
(1 GALLON PER PERSON PER DAY)
- FOOD - 3 DAY SUPPLY /NON-PERISHABLE**
- FIRST AID KIT/MEDICATIONS**
- BATTERY-POWERED RADIO**
- FLASHLIGHT**
- EXTRA BATTERIES**
- CELL PHONE**
- PLASTIC BAGS /SHEETING**
- DUCT TAPE/WRENCH/PLIERS**
- DUST MASK (OLD T-SHIRT)**
- MOIST TOWELETTES / SANITATION ITEMS**
- MANNUAL CAN OPENER**
- CREDIT CARD /CASH**
- WHISTLE**
- UNIQUE FAMILY NEEDS/IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS**



MAKE A PLAN

for what you will do in an Emergency.



Create a disaster plan with your family. Discuss the types of disaster that are most likely and decide what to do if a disaster occurred. Pick two places to meet: one near your home in case of a fire and another outside of your neighborhood in case you cannot return home.

DEVELOP A FAMILY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN.

Decide where and when to reunite your family should you be apart when a disaster strikes.

Designate an out-of-state (easier to call long distance after emergency) family member or friend to be a “family contact” in case you cannot meet at the designated places.

If you have a family member who does not speak English, prepare an emergency card written in English indicating that persons identification, address and any special needs.

Contact your local American Red Cross before an emergency to find out about their plans for emergency shelters.

CREATE A PLAN TO SHELTER-IN-PLACE.

Know the safest place in each room because it will be difficult to move from one room to another during an earthquake or an explosion.

Locate the shutoff valves for water, gas and electricity. Learn how to shut off the valves before an emergency. Do not shut off utility valves unless directed to do so by utility company.

CREATE A PLAN TO GET AWAY.

Establish all the possible ways to exit your house. Keep those areas clear.

Know the locations of the nearest police and fire stations.

KNOW EMERGENCY PLANS AT SCHOOL AND WORK.

Talk to your children’s schools and your employer about emergency plans. Find out how they will communicate with families during an emergency.

Talk to your neighbors about how you can work together.

BE INFORMED

about what might happen.

IF DISASTER STRIKES...

- * If disaster strikes, remain calm and patient. Put your plan into action.
- * Check for injuries. Give first aid and get help for seriously injured people.
- * Listen to your battery powered radio for news and instructions.
- * Evacuate, if advised to do so. Wear protective clothing and sturdy shoes.
- * Check for damage in your home.
- * Use flashlights; do not light matches or turn on electrical switches, if you suspect damage.
- * Check for fires, fire hazards and other household hazards.
- * Sniff for gas leaks, starting at the water heater. If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off main gas valve, open windows and get everyone outside quickly.
- * Shut off any other damaged utilities.
- * Clean up spilled medicines, bleaches, gasoline and other flammable liquids immediately.
- * Confine or secure your pets.
- * Call your family contact; do not use the telephone *again* unless it is a life-threatening emergency.
- * Check on your neighbors, especially elderly or disabled persons.
- * Make sure you have an adequate water supply in case service is cut off.
- * Stay away from downed power lines.

For Americans, preparedness must now account for man-made disasters as well as natural ones.

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