

# Owasso Emergency Management

Neighborhood Leader Workshop

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# What is Emergency Management?

- Emergency managers prepare for emergencies and disasters, respond to them when they occur, help people and institutions recover from them, work to reduce future risk of losses and prevent disasters, when possible, from occurring in the first place.



# Four phase of Emergency Management

- Mitigation
- Preparedness
- Response
- Recovery

# Mitigation

- Activities that eliminate or reduce the chance of occurrence or the effects of a disaster:
  - City of Owasso Hazard Mitigation Plan (updated every 5 years)
  - City of Owasso Emergency Operations Plan (reviewed every year and updated as necessary)
  - Continuity of Operations Plans
  - Continuity of Government Plans

# Preparedness

- Activities include developing plans for what to do, where to go, or who to call for help before an event occurs; actions that will improve your chances of successfully dealing with an emergency.
  - City of Owasso Emergency Operations Plan
  - City of Owasso Hazard Mitigation Plan

# Response

- Actions to save lives and prevent further damage when emergency situations occur.
  - Owasso Police responding to secure the scene.
  - Owasso Fire and EMS responding for search and rescue and rendering medical assistance.
  - Owasso Public Works responding to clear roads and debris clearing.

# Recovery

- Actions taken to return to a normal or an even safer situation following an emergency. Recovery includes getting financial assistance to help pay for the repairs.
  - Rebuilding city infrastructure.
  - Working with citizens to restore your losses.

# When Disaster Strikes...

## Who will take care of YOUR family?

- Pledge to Prepare for emergencies at home by 3 simple steps:
  - Build a Kit
  - Make a Plan
  - Stay Informed



# Build a Kit

- Assemble basic supplies for you, your family & pets for 3 days.  
Consider the location & size of your kits.
  - Home
  - Office
  - Car

# Build a Kit: Supplies

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic
- Sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic tied for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Call phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger, extended life battery
- Special considerations: medications, eyeglasses, diapers & formula, games & toys for the kids

# Build a Kit: Pet Supplies

- Pet owners emergency supply kits
  - Food & water for 72 hours
  - Medicine/medical records
  - Collar with ID tag
  - Harness or leash
  - Crate or other pet carrier
  - Familiar items (toys, treats, & bedding)
  - Picture of you and your pet for identification purposes
  - Consider placing a microchip in pet

# Make a Plan

- Make time with your family to create a family emergency plan
  - Out-of-town contacts: designate a family member who lives outside your area to relay information to your family.
  - School & workplace plans: Understand how your work and children's school emergency plans will fit into your family plan.
  - Meeting place: choose two places to meet- one in your neighborhood and one outside your neighborhood.

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- In a disaster, one of the most immediate source of help are your neighbors. Map your Neighborhood helps build readiness. The following are the few steps.
  - 9 Steps-Immediately following the disaster.
  - Neighborhood Gathering Site and Care Center
  - Neighborhood Skills and Equipment Inventory
  - Guidelines for Neighborhood Mapping

**REMEMBER AS LEADERS OF YOUR GROUP, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING. FIND SOMEONE IN YOUR GROUP WHO CAN AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DOING THIS!!**

# 9 Steps- Immediately Following Disaster

1. Take care of your loved one
2. Protect your head, feet and hands
3. Check the natural gas or propane at your house
4. Shut of water at the house main
5. Place HELP or OK sign on front door or in window
6. Put your fire extinguisher on the sidewalk
7. After Steps 1-6 are completed, go to the neighborhood gathering site
8. Form teams to check and help your neighbors
9. Return to neighborhood gathering site to let others know what has been done

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