

Family Disaster Planning

FIVE STEPS TO SAFETY

1. Find out what could happen to you.

- Contact your local Red Cross Chapter or Lake County Emergency Operations office before a disaster occurs – be prepared to take notes.
- Ask what types of disaster are most likely to happen.
- Learn your community's warning signals.
- Ask about animal care after a disaster.
- Find out how to help elderly or disabled persons, if needed.
- Find out about the disaster plans at your workplace, and your children's school or day care.

2. Create a disaster plan.

- Meet with your family and discuss why you need to prepare for disaster.
- Discuss the types of disasters that are most likely to happen.
- Pick two places to meet:
(1) Right outside your home in case of sudden emergency, like fire.
(2) Outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home.
- Ask an out-of-state friend to be your "family contact." After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance.
- Discuss what to do in an evacuation. Plan how to take care of your pets.

3. Complete this checklist:

- Post emergency telephone numbers by phones (fire, police, ambulance, etc.).
- Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1 or your local Emergency Medical Services number for emergency help.
- Show each family member how and when to turn off the utilities (water, gas, and electricity) at the main switches.
- Check if you have adequate insurance coverage.
- Get training from the fire department for each family member on how to use the fire extinguisher (ABC type), and show them where it's kept.
- Install smoke detectors on each level of your home.
- Conduct a home hazard hunt.
- Determine the best escape routes from your home.
- Find the safe places in your home for each type of disaster.

4. Stock emergency supplies.

- Assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit—find out how by checking the Red Cross web site (www.redcross.org).

5. Practice and maintain your plan.

- Quiz your kids every six months or so.
- Conduct fire and emergency evacuations.
- Replace stored water and stored food every six months.
- Test and recharge your fire extinguisher(s).
- Test your smoke detectors monthly; change at least once a year.

If Disaster Strikes

REMAIN CALM AND PATIENT.

Put your plan into action.

- Remain calm and patient
- Check for injuries.
- Give first aid and get help for seriously injured people.
- Listen to your battery-powered radio for news and instructions.

Check for damage in your home.

- Use flashlights. Do not light matches or turn on electrical switches, if you suspect damage.
- Sniff for gas leaks, starting at the water heater. If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off the main gas valve, open windows, and get everyone outside quickly.
- Clean up spilled medicines, bleaches, gasoline, and other flammable liquids immediately.

Remember to . . .

- Confine or secure your pets.
- Call your family contact, and 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.

Homeland Security & Disaster Preparedness Begin at Home in Grant Township To Report an Emergency Dial 9-1-1

Grant Township
26725 W. Molidor Road
Ingleside, IL 60041

24 Hour Emergency Number 847-546-7623
Office 847-740-2233
Fax 847-740-2255

Print and Save a Copy For Your Reference

Resource Non-Emergency Numbers In an Emergency, Call 9-1-1

Grant Township

Grant Township 847-740-2233
Grant Township Highway Department 847-546-7623

Village of Fox Lake

Village of Fox Lake 847-587-2151
Village of Fox Lake Police & Fire non-emergency 847-587-3100

Village of Lakemoor

Village of Lakemoor 815-385-1117
Fox Lake Fire District non-emergency 847-587-3100

Village of Round Lake

Village of Round Lake 847-546-5400
Village of Round Lake Police non-emergency 847-270-9111
Fox Lake Fire District non-emergency 847-587-3100

Village of Volo

Village of Volo 815-740-6802
Fox Lake Fire District non-emergency 847-587-3100

Lake County

Lake County Sheriff 847-549-5200
Lake County Health Department 847-377-8000
Lake County Animal Control 847-949-9878

State and National Law Enforcement

FBI 312-431-1333
Illinois State Police 847-931-2405

Other Important Numbers

Centregra 847-344-5000
American Red Cross: 847-729-6100
www.chicagoredcross.org 847-662-7730
Salvation Army

Emergency Management Agencies

Lake County Emergency Management:
<http://www.lakecountyil.gov/ema/Default.htm>
Illinois Emergency Management: www.state.il.us/iema
CDC Guide to Extreme Heat
Disaster Preparedness at Home: Filter Out the Damages
Disaster Prep & Self Storage - What You Need to Know
What You Need to Know to Keep Your Family & Belongings Safe
PA DMV Emergency Driving Tips
Emergency Preparedness for Seniors & the Disabled
Humane Society - Protect Your Pets
Ready for Anything: First Aid for Pets