

Northpointe Ward Emergency Preparation and Response Plan

“Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.” Ezekiel 38:7

Preparing for Emergencies-

From the Church's Website:

- Avoid debt and live within your means
- Gain an adequate education
- Keep a reserve of food and other supplies
- Obtain first aid training

The most likely emergencies to strike the Northpointe Ward are:

- Hurricane/Tropical Storm
- Tornado/High Winds
- Flooding
- Fire/Wildfire
- Chemical/Biological/Radiological
- Terrorism/Active Shooters
- Prolonged Power Outages
- Public Health Emergencies
- Freezing pipes

The most likely emergencies to strike an individual or family:

- Job loss
- Financial stress
- Physical or mental health issues

Plan for disruptions of the following:

- Food, Drinking Water, Cooking
- Physical Safety
- Shelter and Clothing
- Communication
- Emotional and Spiritual Well-Being
- Heating and Cooling
- Medical Services
- Power Sources
- Sewer and Water
- Transportation and Fuel Supply
- Banking

Identify Emergency Communication Methods-

Each minister should contact their families. The minister then contacts the quorum leader, who then reports to the Bishop.

Methods include:

- Telephone (land line or cell)
- Internet communications (including email, social media)
- Text messaging
- Meshtastic
- Amateur radio
- Personal contact via foot, bicycle, and automobile

Determine the status of all family members. Assess what assistance the family requires. The ward mission leader should contact all missionaries in the ward boundaries.

Household Responsibilities-

- Develop a Written Emergency Preparedness Plan. The plan should include an updated list of contacts, resources, and special needs. All family members should understand the plan.
- Train and prepare the family for emergency situations

Prepare a 72-hour kit.

- Have at least a three-month reserve of food and a two week supply of water. If possible, locate it in a place that won't get ruined if a little water gets into the house. Fill bath tubs if possible for non-potable use.
- Maintain a sufficient supply of medications and other medical needs.
- Pay Attention – Periodically check news sources. i.e. spacecityweather.com & theeyewall.com
- In the event of an emergency, coordinate with Ward Leadership. Be prepared to contact your assigned ministers to report on the status of your family and any needs.
- Assist with disaster recovery under the direction of Ward Leadership, if personal circumstances allow.

72 Hour Kit Recommendations-

- Clothes in a water proof bag, extra underwear and socks
- Prescriptions, INSULIN, medications and an extra set of glasses if needed
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food, water for your pets and a carrier
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance, bank records, identification, etc. in a waterproof container
- Cash
- Personal hygiene items
- Actives and comfort items for children
- Portable battery packs to charge electronics
- 3 days of non perishable food
- 1 gallon of water per person per day
- Garbage sacks
- Flashlights and batteries
- Possibly a radio
- Dust mask and duct tape
- Contact info for your church leaders, your ministers and your ministering families

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