

Your Neighborhood Safety & Preparedness Packet

In the event of a MAJOR disaster, you could be on your own without the assistance of public safety for several hours to several days. Planning your personal and neighborhood preparedness strategies are important before a disaster strikes. Working together NOW before something happens will help you, your neighborhood and the community recover from a major emergency event. This helpful packet of information is designed to get you started.

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Emergency Information Form – This form helps organize your neighborhood in the event of an emergency. Each neighborhood should have a MAIN Street Contact and a BACK UP Street Contact who will compile and secure this information. Knowing your neighbors is an important tool for safety but ALL information is voluntary and not required to participate in the NSPP. Information will be used for emergency events only.

Medical Information Card(s) – one per family member - TWO sets are helpful. The first set should be posted on the refrigerator or near the telephone. This form “speaks” for you or a family member when paramedics arrive and personal/medical information is unclear or unknown. The second set should be added to your emergency supply kit.

Grab ‘n Go Bag Supply Kit List – If you need to leave immediately this kit will help! The Grab ‘n Go bag will supply most of your personal needs in the event of a quick evacuation. Create a bag for all family members & pets. Seasonal clothing and a growing family will need attention – so re-check your supplies every 6 months.

Family Communication Card – In the event that you are separated from family members you will feel safer knowing that you have the ability to contact them. Use the card or create a version of your own for your family. Use at least one out-of-state contact on the list. Tape some change to the inside and add to your wallet, purse, vehicle, and Grab ‘n Go bag, etc.

Emergency Survival Program – *Reduce your Risk in 2006!* This information is setup in calendar format for ease of use It has easy to follow step-by-step lists to help get your family and neighborhood ready for an emergency. Experts say that if we prepare for an emergency or disaster – we will better survive and recover from **any** kind of emergency or disaster!

Neighborhood Message Sign – Large sign for letting neighbors know you are OK! Post in the front window or on door. Indicate damage information on the sign. This will let your neighbors know if you need help. If there is **no** sign posted this will tell your neighbors that you are #1 – not home or #2 - unable to get to the door and you might need help!

Radio Training Net Flyer – Communication with each other is important in every day situations but even more important in the event of an emergency. Amateur Radio Communications (MESAC – Mesa Emergency Services Amateur Communications/HAM radio) and Family Radio Service (FRS- short distance radios) are tools you can learn to use.

Resource List – This list includes additional resources for emergency preparedness, special training programs and volunteer opportunities to help our community.

For more information about preparing for disasters, please contact the Costa Mesa Fire Department at 714.327.7406 or visit the city’s website www.ci.costa-mesa.ca.us.

***CHECKOUT THE BACK PAGE FOR RESOURCES ON
PREPAREDNESS AND VOLUNTEERING IN YOUR COMMUNITY.***