

OKAY

Place in front window or attach to front door

FAMILY DISASTER CHECKLIST

Designed to help you if there is a disaster

NOW - Have supplies for 3 to 5 days stored where you can get them even if your house becomes unsafe. Have a *Grab 'n Go Bag* for each family member and pet. Fill out the Medical Data forms and put copies in your *Grab 'n Go Bags*. Write your address on the Damage Assessment Survey page. Know where the evacuation command post will be if you need to evacuate. Become a buddy to one of your neighbor homes. Know when each of you are liable to be at work. Tell each other when you go on a trip. Know if someone at your buddy home will need extra help in a disaster.

IN A DISASTER

- Remain Calm! Count to 10 before you move from your shelter (even if the whole family is counting to 10 loudly from different parts of the house). This gives you a chance to calm a little and makes sure the quaking has stopped. Take your *Grab 'n Go Bags* if you must leave the house.
- Check for injuries and provide emergency first aid. Do not move seriously injured person unless they are in immediate danger of further injury. Keep injured warm. Use FRS radio to call for help if needed or ask Street Contact to get help. Put OKAY sign in window or on front door where it can be seen from the street as soon as you can if you are all okay. This will help the Street Contact see who needs help.
- Check for leaking gas. **Do not turn off gas unless necessary.** If it is needed, get it turned off **NOW**.
- If the OKAY sign is not posted next-door, check to be sure everyone in your buddy home is OK. If you need help, tell the Street Contact what the problem is. If your buddy neighbors are gone, tell this to the Street Contact so she won't worry about them. This quick action may save someone's life.
- Check your home for damage and fill out your Damage Assessment Survey. Trying to open your garage door will quickly give you an idea if the structure has shifted. Give your completed Survey to your Street Contact or to the team inspecting your street. The survey results will be turned in to the city and are important documentation to support your insurance claims and secure federal assistance.
- Place the proper colored card in a front window or on front door where it can be seen from the street. This will help response teams quickly identify problems.
 - o Use the **RED** page if your home is DESTROYED or has MAJOR DAMAGE, or is unsafe to occupy. Examples of this would be a building off its foundation, collapsed roof or falling walls. WHEN IN DOUBT, STAY OUT. The red page will warn others.
 - o Use the **YELLOW** page if your home has suffered MODERATE DAMAGE and you will need a minimum of outside assistance. Examples would be broken glass, large cracks or separations or damaged belongings.
 - o Use the **GREEN** page if your home has suffered MINOR or NO DAMAGE and you won't need outside assistance. Examples would be damage you can repair yourself or debris you can clean up.
- Replace phone handsets that may have been shaken off. **DO NOT USE THE PHONE UNLESS THERE IS A LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCY.** If phones aren't working, use Channel 4 on an FRS radio if you need help. Even if you don't plan to leave, get your car out of the garage and load it in case you do need to evacuate.
- Prepare for aftershocks. They are usually weaker than the main shock, but can cause additional damage. If you leave your home, go to the evacuation command post first. If you plan to go somewhere else, be sure the command post knows where you are going and can reach you if necessary.