

November is a GREAT Time to CREATE YOUR FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

YOUR FAMILY MAY NOT BE TOGETHER when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan in advance: how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different situations.

SIT DOWN TOGETHER AND DECIDE what you will do if the unthinkable happens. **YOUR PLAN** should include:

- ⇒ Out-of-Town Contact Information (It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.)
- ⇒ Neighborhood Meeting Place Information
- ⇒ Regional Meeting Place Information
- ⇒ Evacuation Location Information
- ⇒ Name; Date of Birth; Social Security Number; and Important Medical Information for each family member (**Remember to include your pets' information in your Plan**)
- ⇒ Places and information on where family members spend the most time (i.e. school; work; daycare providers, etc.)
- ⇒ Inquire about Emergency Plans at the places you listed above (i.e. school; work; daycare providers; etc.) If no plans exist at these places, consider volunteering to help create one.
- ⇒ Other important information (i.e. Medical Insurance; Doctor Information; Homeowner/Rental Insurance; etc.)
- ⇒ Shelter-in-Place Plan (**more information to follow in January, 2008 newsletter**)
- ⇒ Evacuation Plan (**more information to follow in January, 2008 newsletter**)

SHARING PLANS & COMMUNICATING IN ADVANCE IS A GOOD STRATEGY!!

TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS about how you can all work together during an emergency.

- ⇒ Find out if anyone has any specialized equipment, such as a power generator, or expertise such as medical knowledge, which might be helpful in a crisis.
- ⇒ Decide who will check on elderly or disabled neighbors.
- ⇒ Make back-up plans for children in case you can't get home.

LEARN HOW & WHEN TO TURN OFF UTILITIES if there is damage to your home or you are instructed to turn them off.

- ⇒ Locate the electric, gas and water shut-off valves;
- ⇒ Keep necessary tools near the gas and water shut-off valves;
- ⇒ Teach family members how to turn off utilities; and
- ⇒ **REMEMBER: If you turn the GAS off, a professional MUST turn it back on! Do NOT attempt to do this yourself!**

DEVELOPING YOUR EMERGENCY KIT??? Remember WATER is an absolute necessity – so stocking water reserves should be a top priority! Also consider keeping your emergency supply list in your wallet or purse, and pick up a few items at a time when you are out shopping until you have built up a well-stocked Emergency Kit! As the holidays are quickly approaching – remember emergency kit items make great stocking stuffers or gifts!! **FOR MORE INFORMATION** on suggested kit items - visit www.cityofhubbard.org

Knowledge and preparation are your best defense and are your responsibility! For more information on EMERGENCY PLANNING, call 503.982.9429, or visit our website at www.cityofhubbard.org.

