

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS POINTER

Know Your Neighbors

A disaster can happen without notice. Being personally prepared is the first step in protecting you and your family during a disaster. Having 72-hour kits for every member of your home and an emergency plan in place are the first steps in being prepared for a disaster. However, many of the resources you may need in addition to your 72-hour kits are in your own neighborhood. Many people will rely heavily upon their neighbors for help and resources during the first 3 days following a disaster. Knowing your neighbors is one of the best ways to be better prepared for a disaster.

DON'T WAIT.

COMMUNICATE.

MAKE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN TODAY.

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PLAN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

People obtain information about preparedness from a variety of sources, but the Center for Disease Control reports that 53 percent of people receive preparedness information from neighbors, friends, and family. Meeting as a neighborhood is one of the best ways to start the preparedness conversation in your local area. This is also a great opportunity to learn what resources your neighbors have that could be helpful after a disaster. Create a neighborhood network to share information and updates on emergencies in your community. Most importantly, identify who may need extra assistance during an emergency and make a plan to check on all of your neighbors after a disaster. Be mindful that during a disaster or emergency, it may be a long time before help can arrive. You and your neighbors will be the first to respond to a disaster in your local neighborhood until help arrives.



SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

One of the best ways you can help your community become more resilient is to volunteer. There are many local churches, local agencies, and non-governmental organizations have volunteer opportunities available. Ada County Emergency Management has a web page dedicated to providing information about volunteer organizations in our community. Many of these organizations assist with disaster response. To learn more about what organizations you can volunteer with in our area, visit <https://adacounty.id.gov/accem/Volunteers>

