

Family Preparedness Plan

West Richland Washington Stake



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ORGANIZATION & OVERVIEW

The West Richland Stake *Ward and Stake Emergency Preparation and Response Plan*¹ consists of two parts:

- Family Preparedness Plan
- Ward and Stake Emergency Preparedness Plan

Family Preparedness is essential for being better spiritually and temporally prepared, and is the foundation for all Church Emergency Response and Preparedness efforts. Being prepared individually and as a family follows principles taught by prophets, scriptures, and found in the Church Handbook - to be self-reliant and to “prepare every needful thing.” The Ward Council’s role is to encourage both spiritual and temporal preparation and to assist members in becoming better prepared for our Savior’s second coming and the tribulations which precede it.

This Family Preparedness Plan document overviews principles related to temporal preparation as taught by the Church, and follows that guidance in outlining basic steps to take to become more self-reliant and better prepared.

The Ward Council and Preparedness / Self-Reliance Specialists work to help individuals and families to increase their self-reliance and readiness for everyday trials, and for emergencies and disasters on a larger scale. Ward Preparation Specialists will be responsible for seeing that each member in the ward has access to this information. Ward Preparation Specialists function within their ward under the direction of the Ward Council, reporting to the Bishopric. They also serve on the Stake Preparedness Council which functions under the direction of the Stake Presidency with the assistance of the High Councilor over preparedness, and the Stake Preparedness Specialist. A description of duties and responsibilities for the Ward Preparation Specialist are included in the appendix of the Stake and Ward Plan.

PREPARATION & SELF-RELIANCE – INTRODUCTION

Guiding principles for preparedness follow doctrinal standards including self-reliance, agency, and charitable service. They include guidance provided by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as found in the Handbook of Instructions section 22², and as provided on the current church websites ProvidentLiving.org and ChurchOfJesusChrist.org³.

Preparedness planning on the Church level places the family at the foundation for emergency preparedness and self-reliance. Families and individuals are to be self-reliant and provide for their own needs to the extent possible. Only in this way can people with faith expect to claim blessings reserved for the faithful and the prepared (D&C 130:21-21), including the promised peace that comes with preparation (D&C 38:30).

“My brothers and sisters, we should recognize that all is spiritual to the Lord—including the most temporal aspects of our lives”.
Bishop Gerald Causse, Oct 2022

Spiritual foundations of temporal preparedness⁴ affirm that all commandments are spiritual (D&C 29:34), and that temporal preparation is a part of being spiritually prepared. The counsel of preparing “every needful thing” (D&C 88:119) in an organized prayerful manner (D&C 9:8) allows for providing for your family needs, and for the needs of others as challenges occur.

¹ A copy of this Family Preparedness Plan and the West Richland Stake Ward and Stake Plan will be available and accessible on the Stake Preparation Website [www.xyz.org] and can be accessed by all members.

² www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/general-handbook/22-providing-for-temporal-needs?lang=eng#title_number96

³ Search Church website for: Area Temporal Preparedness Guide: North America West Area, emergency preparedness, food storage, financial preparation, emotional preparedness, etc.

⁴ www.churchofjesuschrist.org/life/temporal-preparedness-resources?lang=eng

Being temporally prepared creates increased confidence and peace. These preparations include:

- having an emergency response plan
- being financially prepared and stable
- having sufficient food and water in storage
- having the ability for food production as circumstances permit
- being emotionally prepared and resilient, and
- improving and safeguarding health.

From the church website we read, *“It is our responsibility to provide for ourselves and our families both in good times and in bad. Part of fulfilling that obligation is making preparations now to face whatever challenges may come our way. ... It is not enough to hope for the best; we must prepare for it.”* President Kimball taught that *“the Lord will not translate one’s good hopes and desires and intentions into works. Each of us must do that for himself.”*⁵ Following the Lord’s established plan and His prophet’s counsels⁶ for self-reliance and family and individual preparedness (to the extent you are able), allows for blessings (D&C 130:21) in trying times - whereas expecting others to provide your needs does not (D&C 42:42; 82:10; 101:7).

Standing guidance is to not incur debt and to avoid extremes in preparation activities, to follow general advice and counsel consistent with church leaders and information on church websites, and to seek personal revelation to guide preparation efforts (i.e., to utilize spiritual preparedness principles in temporal affairs).

Home Centered – Church Supported

The foundational standard for Family, Ward, and Stake plans is “Home Centered – Church Supported.” The prepared family is fundamental to Ward and Stake preparedness and emergency response plans - with the church functioning in a supportive role (not a supplying role). These principles, correctly taught, encourage members to exercise their agency to act and not to ‘be acted upon’ (2 Ne 2:16,26), and to govern themselves with all duty toward self-reliance and preparedness to the extent they are able. Accordingly, it would be unbecoming of members who have received guidance about and have the opportunity to prepare and develop self-reliance for their family, to *expect* others to supply their needs in times of distress (D&C 42:42).

This is balanced with principles taught in parables⁷ such as The Good Samaritan, The Prodigal Son, and The Laborers in the Vineyard which address our concerns for and behaviors toward those ‘injured’ and oppressed, and those who are late returning or arriving - as well as principles taught to consecrated covenant-keeping members who are to care for “those that stand in need of comfort” and to provide for others “both temporally and spiritually” as is necessary (Mosiah 18:9,27-29)⁸, and to live and treat others “as becometh saints” (Romans 16:2)⁹.

Accordingly, preparation efforts within the Ward and Stake should focus on managing emergency situations within the common community, and in helping families individually to be better prepared. As the family fulfills its role to be prepared and self-reliant and to prevent problems which arise from emergencies and disaster situations, church resources and energies are able to address urgent needs, and to bless those less fortunate and whom through no fault of their own find themselves in difficult circumstances. Self-reliance and preparation are prerequisites to service and helping others, as those following this counsel are then prepared and able to help and serve others¹⁰.

⁵ www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/gospel-topics/emergency-preparedness?lang=eng

⁶ We will prove them herewith, Elder David A Bednar, Oct 2020.

⁷ Luke 10:29-37; Luke 15:11-32; Matthew 20:1-16

⁸ Caring for the Poor and Needy, President Marion G. Romney, October 1972.

⁹ In the World but Not of the World, Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Fielding Smith, Chapter 19.

¹⁰ The Celestial Nature of Self-Reliance, Marian G Romney, October 1982.

PREPARING FOR FAMILY & INDIVIDUAL EMERGENCIES

Emergencies that are common to families and individuals in Southeast Washington, include:

- Earthquake, fire, flood, land movement, volcanic eruption / ash, etc.
- Power failure, emergencies at Energy Northwest's Columbia Generating Station
- Dam failure
- Winter storms, ice storms
- Hazardous material spills, natural gas pipeline break, nuclear accidents at the Hanford site
- Civil unrest, arson, terrorist activity

Emergencies often come unexpectedly and can require quick, decisive action. The prior preparation of individuals and families within their own stewardships is an essential foundation for success and emergency preparation at every level. Individual apartments and homes are the preferred and best place of safety and resort, unless they become uninhabitable or are threatened due to natural or manmade disasters or situations. Emergencies will be declared based on severity and extent by Stake Presidents in consultation with Church Area Authorities and in consultation with civic and government authorities. They are classified in two categories which will help determine subsequent response actions, and which are largely dependent on the degree of emergency and the living status of individual homes.

Low-Level Emergencies

These are emergencies due to events which create some disruption and damage, where extra caution should be used and/or where additional help is needed. Generally, houses and dwellings remain habitable, and members continue to reside in and take safety within their homes where their resources are located. There is still social order, meaning the societal disruption is minimal or temporary, and emergency services and first responders are still available and generally responsive. Members rely on their own preparations including short and long-term food and water supplies, medical and sanitation supplies, financial reserves, etc. - as outlined in current church guidelines and at www.providentliving.org. Ministering Brothers and Sisters will report on the status and needs of church members, and will serve needs that arise from the disruption.

Examples of Low-Level events: Severe ice or snowstorm, localized flooding, windstorm or tornado, small earthquake, mild volcanic eruption, etc. Also included are other regional events that produce shortages of food and daily necessities, minor but significant disruptions in civil society and supply chains, disruption of utilities, localized flooding, etc. Personal emergencies may also include accidents and injuries, health-related events, job loss, sudden change in financial situation, etc.

High-Level Emergencies

These are manmade or natural disasters which are more threatening, intrusive, and damaging. These may threaten or structurally damage homes and community infrastructure, and put the safety and the survival of people at risk. Community resources and/or the social order may be diminished or non-existent creating higher risk for civil unrest, looting, and acts of violence. It may be unlikely that first responders or emergency personnel can or will respond quickly.

If there is a necessary or mandated evacuation from homes, the Ward and Stake Plan will be activated by appropriate church leaders. Members will be instructed where to assemble or will gather at pre-determined locations (specified in the Ward/Stake plan) and there receive further information and instruction. Communication, reporting, and emergency measures outlined in this plan, in conjunction with the Stake and Ward plan, will help safeguard and guide members as they gather to safe places and are invited to assist in the emergency response. It is essential that leaders and members do not behave or respond in a way to make themselves a part of the disaster, or put those who are attempting to help them at greater risk.

When a High-Level Emergency happens and no evacuation is needed, people will be encouraged to remain in their own homes as long as they are habitable and will draw upon their own preparations as outlined in the previous instructions for Low-Level Emergency.

Actions to Take in the Event of an Actual Disaster or Emergency Situation

If a limited family or community tragedy or natural disaster affects a family and/or their home, each individual family will account for all family members, and ensure safety measures are taken for their security, medical status, and overall well-being. In the case of a natural disaster, assessment is to be made of the house structure and living conditions, and if it is safe to remain. If found habitable (unless otherwise directed to vacate by civil or church authorities) the family should remain in their house or dwelling. If the home or dwelling is not habitable or prevailing conditions require the family to leave, the family may follow (prearranged) plans to go to the home of a friend or extended family member, or to an appropriate shelter they are directed to, or to the church facility identified within the Ward and Stake plan.

Once urgent emergency matters have been assessed and attended to, a family member reports their family status to church leaders emergency response supervisors in a timely manner, as circumstances permit. Family members may be asked to provide assistance as directed at the Ward/Stake and or community level, providing service within the larger community as needed.

Members are NOT to automatically gather to church buildings in an emergency if their home is habitable unless there is specific direction to do so. Generally, members remain in their homes where they have their own food and water and have the safety of their own home or dwelling. Hence the importance of following the Lord's counsel to be prepared!

Responding to Emergencies

In the event of an emergency or natural disaster:

- Take care of your own individual and family needs and responsibilities first.
- Attend and respond to life threatening injuries and dangers.
- Evacuate and clear your family from unsafe structures, locations, or situations.
- Survey conditions related to your safety and well-being including house, neighborhood and streets, and conditions in general.
- Account for and gather resources for your immediate needs from your existing preparations at home.
- Identify any special needs in terms of medicines, special needs, or life or living conditions.
- Report your status and situation so others will know your needs and availability to provide service.
- Review this plan (and any others that you have) with your family.

Reporting:

Report your family status to your Ward leaders via Ministering Brothers & Sisters or other Church leaders as directed within your Ward emergency plan. Follow or use follow the format of the Emergency Family Report Form, which includes information about those deceased, hospitalized, and injured or ill, as well as the status regarding your food/water supplies, shelter, clothing, special needs, etc. Report on the status and needs of other people and families in your immediate area. Additionally, consider volunteering your resources and skills for helping others and consider the blessings these consecrated offerings will represent for those in need.

Shelters:

In the event of a widespread emergency or natural disaster requiring evacuation, the Emergency Response Shelter will generally be your Ward's church building (unless it is damaged or otherwise unable to be occupied), or another location you will be directed to. (To prevent creating another unintended complication in the emergency response, do not automatically report or gather to this location unless directed). Consult the Ward/Stake plan for this precise information.

Where multiple wards meet in one building, the Agent Bishop will be the lead authority to designate Ward responsibility for supervision and shifts during the emergency. Each Bishop (or his assignee) will coordinate and refine specific role assignments made during the emergency, overseen by stake leadership, and all will be under the direction of the Stake and Area Presidency. Government, civil, and community resources including the media will be coordinated by Area and Stake leaders. Members with specific church callings will assume their pre-assigned roles during a declared emergency (listed in the Ward and Stake plan). It is important to know that in all cases, the emergency response assignments will be a function of the needs and scale of the disaster and that pre-determined plans of action may be altered based on the prevailing conditions at the time of the emergency.

Preparation Prior to a Disaster or Emergency Situation

This is not an all-inclusive list. However, it can serve as a starting place to organize your efforts to become more temporally prepared. These items are consistent with general overall preparedness principles, and reflect the advice and guidance found on Church websites, Church leaders, and from preparedness agencies.

- Develop and maintain a family emergency plan that addresses possible natural and man-made disasters and life circumstances which can significantly interrupt the flow of daily living. Regularly update and discuss in family meetings.
- Teach all family members how to call 911. Post emergency contact information on the refrigerator or a common access point. Teach all family members how to contact Family Ministers from the Ward.
- Sign up for your county's community emergency alert system (i.e., Red Alert). This is like an "Amber Alert" that will trigger notification of a disaster in your region affecting your community and trigger a notice on your cell phone. Take a County CERT preparedness class, along with a Red Cross first aid/CPR class. Include older children in these courses.
- Know your home. Learn how to operate electric circuits and panels, natural/propane gas valves, main water supply, etc. Keep necessary tools next to these locations.
- Have a fire extinguisher (ABC type) in an easy-access location and teach each family member how and when to use it. Maintain, recharge/replace extinguishers as needed. Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms. Change batteries at least once each year. Identify 'safe places' in your home to be positioned for each type of disaster or emergency situation. Review egress pathways if a quick exit needs to be made from the house, and 'drill' this and other quick-response actions with family members.
- Periodically check the condition of escape equipment from upper stories of a building or home. If you live or work on upper floors of buildings or high-rise structures, review exit routes and methods, and know what to do in case of emergencies and natural disaster events in your home, apartment building, or office building.
- Prepare to shelter-in-place. The preferred location during emergencies is in your own home providing the home structure and living conditions are habitable. This includes food, water, safety, warmth, sanitation, etc.
- Create and maintain a 72-hour kit for each person in the home, age appropriate. Extended kits may include vehicle-ready bins, buckets or rolling suitcases/bags for vehicle travel, containing extra supplies and provisions and water. Remember extra water, water treatment supplies, and sanitation supplies. Inventory and rotate/replace these supplies periodically.
- Keep enough supplies at home to meet your needs in an acute emergency for a period of time. Stored these in a secure and convenient place. These should include supplies that would deal with medical/health situations, pandemics, water supply, power outage, sanitation and hygiene, age-appropriate needs, and varying weather/climate situations.
- Communications will occur at the highest level of technology available: telephone, text, email, ham radio, etc. Use normal AM radio to receive community and emergency news. Use cell phones, CB radio, 'walkie-talkie' or

Ham radio to communicate with family, friends, and church leaders. Consider portable solar panels to recharge electronics.

- Assemble a medical care and first aid kit. Include prescriptions, OTC meds, herbs, pandemic supplies, etc. Anticipate medical needs during emergencies. Focus first on critical, life-supporting medications and supplies.
- Improve your health. Eat and exercise to become and stay fit. Observe the Word of Wisdom in all its aspects.
- Food and food storage – work toward a one, then a three-month food supply ('pantry food'). Then increase it to be a long-term supply (one or more years). [See www.ProvidentLiving.org].
- Have redundant methods for cooking and preparing food in varying living conditions (including power loss), such as retained heat cooking, outdoor cooking with wood, propane, solar power, sun ovens, etc.
- Have enough clean potable water for 2-4 weeks. Have supplies and methods to filter and treat water.
- Plan for sanitation and bathroom needs in various conditions, including with and without power, running water, and in differing weather and seasons, and for the ages within your family. Consider the importance of personal and community hygiene, and disease prevention.
- Keep vehicles in good repair and working order. Have extra fuel stored safely for emergency use. Consider alternative transportation for local movement such as bicycles, wagons, scooters, etc.
- Prepare for off-grid living (no electricity). Consider gas or solar generators. Consider the variables in seasons, weather conditions, ages of family members, health concerns, cooking needs, and sanitation. Prepare the home to remain secure and reasonably comfortable during short or extended periods.
- Plan for pets as needed – food, medicines, care, security, etc.
- Prepare for financial contingencies. Have emergency cash reserve in small bills. Anticipate and plan for the interruption of income because of loss of employment, illness or health event or accident, or even the unexpected death of a breadwinner. Keep sufficient insurance coverage current for homeowners, renters, health, flood, etc.
- Prepare, update, and protect copies of important records, financial statements and related information, including credit cards, passwords, photos and family member identification, passports, etc. Have 'hard' paper copies in safe location, and digital copies stored on portable computer 'thumb drive' for easy transport, backup. Place a copy in 72-hour kit. Store and keep safe in a fireproof and waterproof manner.
- Prepare for those with special needs and disabilities. Consider the elderly, young children, and those who are sick or infirm. This may include someone outside your home who may need your assistance.
- Tell children that in a disaster there are many trusted people who can help the family, which includes trusted neighbors, volunteers, first-responders, police officers, firefighters, teachers, doctors, paramedics, utility workers, etc. Also teach children how to stay safe from those who would do harm or otherwise take advantage of your family or your neighborhood during emergencies.
- Schedule updates, maintenance, and practice reviews of your plans. Place these routines and practices on you schedule and calendar, such as with General Conference, New Years, time changes, etc. This includes emergency supplies, batteries, first aid kits, 72-hour kits, and vehicle-ready bins & supplies, fire and evacuation drills, meeting places, communication methods, etc. Inventory and assess/rotate/replace critical supplies such as food, water, medical/Rx & OTC medications/herbs, fuel, sanitation, etc. to keep them fresh and in good ready supply.
- Identify and work with like-minded friends, neighbors, ward members, etc. Be open minded and learn preparation skills.
- Each family is encouraged to fill out a Resource Survey and return it to the Bishop or Ward Emergency Preparedness Specialist. This information is kept confidential and will only be reviewed by the Bishopric, Preparedness Specialist, or event coordinator in the event of an emergency.

GENERAL INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PREPARATION

We are told that when we are prepared, we will not fear. You can feel the Lord's directing and calming Spirit as you develop a workable plan and then make consistent steps towards being better prepared. Move forward as best you can following the Lord's requested guidance, and with faith-filled action. The results of many small steps creates a feeling of peace, along with confidence in the Lord's blessings to help make up the difference.

General Preparation:

- Understand the guidance to be individually prepared. The Lord says to "organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing," (D&C 109:8). Note that it is not a suggestion! There is a purpose to the trials and tribulations which precede the Lord's second coming.
- Temporal and spiritual preparation go hand-in-hand. We are not spiritually prepared until we are temporally prepared, or working in that direction with the Lord's guidance. Feelings of confidence and peace will replace doubt and fear as you exercise faith to follow this divine guidance [while those who disregard this direction "have no promise" (D&C 82:10)].
- Utilize many sources of preparedness information starting with Church websites and public agencies. Work with like-minded people in your ward, neighborhood, and broader community. Seek ideas and prayerfully learn from reference books, preparation fairs, internet blogs and online resources, emergency response agencies, and 'how-to' videos that teach preparation-related skills. Participate in discussion groups and workshops and welcome and accept support from leaders and preparation specialists.
- Use judgment and wisdom to protect and safeguard your family and preparation supplies, and to not subject your family or others to unnecessary risk. Balance this with a consecrated concern for others, and a willingness to help others in their preparation efforts and to direct them toward the Lord's plan for taking care of His people - which is self-reliance and individual preparation ahead of the need. Understand that wholly relying on the Church or other families for resources and aid, is not the Lord's plan (D&C 42:42; 75:29).
- Make preparation a priority – both spiritually and temporally.

Where to Start

- Preparedness surveys show that many people are uncertain about how to start or continue with their preparation efforts. A good starting place is to understand the Lord's plan for providing for His people and what it is that we are collectively and individually preparing for. Understanding current events, prophesied natural disasters and the 'Signs of the Times' which precede the Lord's second coming, will help you appreciate the importance and urgency for being better prepared.
- The process of revelation requires a catalyst, meaning that good inspiration requires good information¹¹. As you inventory the status of your preparedness, begin with a Master Planning List. Then "study it out in your mind" (D&C 9:8) and pray for guidance on where to start or how to move forward. As you "Hear Him" and His promptings, develop a prioritized Working List which addresses the most urgent and more likely problems to face your family, given your current situations. Use this list and the Lord's promptings to guide your actions.
- Avoid the feelings of overwhelm and fear by trusting that you are following guidance and are making consistent forward progress. Begin with basic steps and use your time wisely (eliminate distractions) to become more aware, focused, informed, and skilled. Ask for guidance in setting your priorities and in using your time and budgeted resources.

¹¹ President Russel M. Nelson, "Revelation for the church, Revelation for Our Lives," April 2018 General Conference.

FAMILY EMERGENCY AND EVACUATION PLAN

One of the most effective ways to prepare your family for a disaster is to create a family emergency plan. Meet with your family to discuss how to prepare for different types of emergencies, such as fire, severe weather, floods, or other common hazards in your community. Your plan will help family members understand what to do during emergencies.

Meeting Places

- Choose a specific outside location on or very near your property in case of a sudden emergency, such as a house fire, earthquake, flood, or extreme weather event, etc. Be alert to communications from civil authorities and messages from Church leaders about the availability and use of emergency shelters.
- Pick an alternative location outside your neighborhood (if possible) in case you cannot return home due to civil strife, impassable streets, neighborhood destruction, etc. Each family member should know the address and phone number (if applicable) and how to get there. Having a set meeting place away from your home will save time and minimize confusion should your home be affected or the area evacuated. Consider making arrangements to stay with a family member or friend in case of an emergency.
- Consider situational plans and contingencies for how to respond, gather, and meet-up with different situations during the day or night, for children at school, adults or teens at work, and taking into consideration babies and the elderly, and during varying weather conditions. If you have pets, include pets in your planning. Pets are often not permitted in shelters and most hotels will not accept them.
- Council and discuss with your family and children about preparing for different types of disasters. Stress is always less when people know what to expect and that plans are in place for their well-being.
- If it is determined that you are unable to return home, or must vacate your house or neighborhood, take your 72-hour kit/bag with you. If you are able to leave with a vehicle, take extended provisions that you have also previously identified and set aside for such circumstances (such as a vehicle 72-hour tub). These emergency provisions would allow you to survive for 3-4 days while further plans and arrangements can be secured.

Emergency Communication Plan

- Select an out-of-area emergency contact person - one who would not likely be affected by the same event or disaster. Let this person know that you have chosen them. Make sure each family member has all contact information (i.e., on their phones, printed and put in a grab-and-go bag, etc.) for that emergency contact person, as well as for each other. As appropriate, leave necessary contact information for reaching family members and emergency contacts, at your children's schools and at places of work.
- Use the highest level or most commonly used forms of communication available. Rehearse alternative forms of communication in case landlines or cell towers are not working. This includes social media, email, handheld radio, ham radio, bicycle, etc.). Have updated paper copies of all contacts and related information (in protected waterproof form) in case digital or online resources are down and unavailable.

Extended Places & Situations

Inform yourself about (or develop) desired emergency plans for your family for your workplace, church, schools, sports and shopping facilities, and other places where you and your family frequent. Consider keeping a "get-home-bag" in your car or workplace if for any reason you are trapped, stalled, or otherwise unable to return home using everyday transport. Develop plans for communications, pick-up arrangements, and locations for meeting during emergency situations when you are not at home. Make plans for childcare and home supervision in case parents or family members cannot get home due to situations beyond their control.

EMERGENCY FAMILY REPORT FORM

(Submit info to Family Ministering Brother/Sister or Church Leader, or fill out and bring to emergency shelter)

In the case of a family or neighborhood emergency, the following information will help church leaders and disaster relief specialists and those managing emergency responses to better understand and respond to your situation.

FAMILY NAME	
Address	
Family member names	
Phone number Contact Info / Email	
Names of deceased	
People injured / hospitalized	
People without shelter	
People needing food/water Details:	
Special needs	
Comments:	

WEST RICHLAND STAKE EVACUATION SHELTER – REGISTRATION FORM

(Complete this form and bring with your family to the shelter)

Family Name:		Date Arrived:
Head of Household:		Date Departed:
Home Ward:	Home Stake:	Home Bishop:
Names of Family Members in Shelter	Age	Comments
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2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
9.		
10.		
Special needs / Special Concerns		

EMERGENCY EVACUATION LIST

If your family must vacate your home of necessity or by order and go to a shelter/home, please bring your 72-hour kit and the following items for each person affected, as you are able:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping cots, pads, or air mattresses <input type="checkbox"/> Blankets, sleeping bag, pillow <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlights, batteries, solar recharger <input type="checkbox"/> Personal hygiene items, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Feminine hygiene <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper <input type="checkbox"/> Soap, shampoo, wet wipes <input type="checkbox"/> Hair care <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush, toothpaste | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Several changes of clothes <input type="checkbox"/> Towels, washcloths <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit, medications <input type="checkbox"/> Baby & children supplies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Infant formula, bottles, pacifiers <input type="checkbox"/> Diapers & plastic bags <input type="checkbox"/> Games & activities <input type="checkbox"/> Mess kit, paper plates, cups, utensils <input type="checkbox"/> Food, water, snack items <input type="checkbox"/> Scriptures, reading materials |
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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

For emergency medical help, call/dial 911

Fire Department	
Police Department	
Family Emergency Contact	Name: Phone #:
Out-of-Area Contact	Name: Phone #:
Physician	Name: Phone #:
Dentist	Name: Phone #:
Insurance Agents	Home: Auto: Life: Other:
Schools	
Meeting Place	Location: Contact name: Phone:
Other	
Other	

Emergency Contact Information

Type of Service	Contact Number	Website
Fire / Police Emergencies	911	
Benton County Emergency Management	509-628-0333	www.bces.wa.gov CodeRed: https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BF5CA95E04FE
Yakima County Emergency Management	509-574-1900	www.yakimacounty.us/350/Emergency-Management
Benton PUD (Power)	888-582-2176	www.bentonpud.org
Benton REA – (Power)	509-967-2921 509-786-1841	www.bentonrea.org
City of Richland – Electric	509-942-7421 509-943-4428	www.ci.richland.wa.us/i-want-to-contact/emergency-contact-information
Cascade Natural Gas	888-522-1130	www.cngc.com
Benton-Franklin Health Department	5009-460-4200	www.bfhd.wa.gov/about_us/contact_us
American Red Cross	Tri-Cities: 509-783-6195; Yakima: 509-457-1690	www.redcross.org/local/washington/about-us/locations/central-southeastern.html
Washington Poison Center	800-222-1222	www.poison.org
WDOT Travel Alert		https://wsdot.wa.gov/travel (WSDOT phone app)
Homeland Security		www.dhs.gov/contact-us
FEMA		www.fema.gov
Kennewick Irrigation District	509-586-9111	www.kid.org
Columbia Irrigation District	509-586-6118	www.columbiairrigation.com
Kiona Irrigation District	509-588-7414	
Benton Irrigation District	509-588-4396	www.bidwater.org/bidblog/

PREPARATION RESOURCES

Church Websites and Resources:

- www.ProvidentLiving.org
- www.ChurchOfJesusChrist.org – [search: emergency preparedness, food storage, etc.]
- <https://store.churchofjesuschrist.org/usa/en/new-category/food-storage/5637160355.c>
- LDS Library – Handbook section 22
- Kennewick Washington Welfare Home Storage Center, 6501 W Deschutes Ave, Kennewick WA 99336; 509-735-6455

Government and Public Resources:

- www.Ready.gov
- www.yakimacounty.us/350/Emergency-Management - Yakima Country Emergency Management
- www.bces.wa.gov/ - Benton County WA Emergency Management and Info
- www.redcross.org
- www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies.html
- www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/survival-kit-supplies.html
- www.hhs.gov/programs/emergency-preparedness/index.html
- <https://emergency.cdc.gov/>
- www.pnsn.org - Volcanos in Pacific Northwest

Advice and Preparedness Information & Resources: (not official Church resources or websites)

- Search Internet for preparedness blogs, YouTube channels, and other resources
- www.approachingready.com
- <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0Bz0j2mxcGdlWcnEtcMZpcjRLVms?resourcekey=0-euzPzUQJB7JceDNEbC010A> - Indexed Emergency Preparedness master library on Google Drive
- <https://www.abysmal.com/product/LDSPREP-8.html> - Emergency preparedness manual; LDS perspective
- www.hillcrestready.org - Hillcrest Utah Stake website (emergency preparedness site with CERT training)
- www.roseredhomestead.com

Commercial Websites with good information: (not official Church resources or websites)

- www.buyersguide.org/emergency-food-supply-reviews/t/best - (buyer's guide to emergency food; information not an official church website)
- www.ldsprepperstore.com
- www.beprepared.com
- www.theprepared.com
- www.cityprepping.com
- www.theprovidentprepper.org

SURVEY - WEST RICHLAND WASHINGTON STAKE EMERGENCY RESOURCES

INSTRUCTIONS: Each family / member is invited to volunteer information about resources and skills which they have which could be utilized in an emergency. Complete this survey and give it to your Ward Preparation Specialist or church leader. This information will be respected and not distributed, and will be used by church leaders and disaster relief leaders, with discretion.

Please check those items and areas that apply to you or your family

Name _____ Phone Number(s) _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Health professional:
_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-aid & CPR trained | <input type="checkbox"/> Chainsaw |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CERT or emergency prep training | <input type="checkbox"/> Propane heaters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable generator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Firefighter / rescue | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Driver's License (CDL) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military experience | <input type="checkbox"/> HAM radio: (Licensed: Yes No) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy equipment / trucks | <input type="checkbox"/> Bilingual language: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Truck or trailer | <input type="checkbox"/> IT & Computer skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger van | <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motor home, RV, camper | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat, Canoe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrician | <input type="checkbox"/> Tents, camping, bedding |

Additional Items & Skills: