

Are you prepared for an emergency?



Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. It can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services--water, gas, electricity or telephones--were cut off? Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away.



If Disaster Strikes

- Remain calm and patient. Put your plan into action.
- Check for Injuries
- Give first aid and get help for seriously injured people.
- Listen to Your Battery-Powered Radio for News and Instructions

Find Out What Could Happen to You

- Contact your local Red Cross chapter or emergency management office before a disaster occurs--be prepared to take notes.
- Tornadoes, flooding and earthquakes are some of the disasters we may experience in Southeast Missouri. Our cities proximity to the railroad may expose us to hazardous material emergencies as well. Request information on how to prepare for each.
- **Find out about the disaster plans for Chaffee and how you can help by attending an Emergency Planning Committee meeting the first Tuesday of every month 7:00 PM at City Hall.**

Create a Disaster Plan

- Meet with your family and discuss why you need to prepare for disaster. Explain the dangers of fire, severe weather, and earthquakes to children. Plan to share and work together as a team.
- Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1 or your local Emergency Medical Services number for emergency help.
- Assemble a disaster supply kit

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Working with neighbors can save lives and property. Meet with your neighbors to plan how the neighborhood could work together after a disaster until help arrives.

Disaster frequently strikes with little or no warning; be prepared. Planning in advance is something you can do to keep you and your family safer.