

City of Gridley

Disaster Safety and Preparedness

Preparation Before a Natural Disaster

The City is striving to provide the best service to all residents and with the winter storm season upon us, we would like to provide residents with safety tips on how to be prepared in the event of power outages or natural disasters.

A well informed community leads to a prepared City. It is vital residents be well informed and equipped in the event of a power outage or if a flood/flash flood watch or warning advisory has been announced.

Emergency call 9-1-1

Non-Emergency call (530) 846-5670

Utility Non-Emergency (530) 846-5695

Sandbag Information (530) 846-5695

*Gridley Community Residents
Working Together!*

BEFORE THE DISASTER.....

- *Have a list of all local public health and safety offices and emergency numbers.*
- *Assemble personal (to go) and share at home emergency kits.*
- *Store your kits in a place that will be easily accessible in a disaster.*
- *Learn where and how to shut off utilities.*
- *Have an evacuation plan and practice drills.*
- *Consider exit routes in your home and in your area.*
- *Plan on where you and your family will reunite after the disaster (choose two places).*
- *Always keep your cars gas tank at least half full.*
- *Store hazardous chemicals (gasoline, bleach, paint thinners etc.) away from open flames and secure to prevent spills.*
- *Test all smoke alarms ~every six months.*
- *Consider having one ABC type fire extinguisher and learn how to use it.*
- *Keep hallways and exits clear for easy evacuation.*

BE PREPARED

- *Water- store enough for 3 days minimum (one gallon/per day/per person)*
- *Do not re-store water bottles once opened.*
- *Food - Store food that is familiar and can be easily rotated (e.g. canned fruit, vegetables, peanut butter, jam, low-salt crackers, cookies, cereals, dried fruit, canned soup or meats, juices and non-fat dry milk), mark the expiration date.*
- *Store food in an airtight, pest-resistant container*
- *Do not consume any foods that show signs of deterioration (rust or bulging).*
- *Power outage- keep the refrigerator closed, food will stay cold longer.*
- *Have entertainment for children (toys, game book, playing cards)*

Storing
Emergency
Supplies

Emergency supplies should be stored in a waterproof container where you can easily access them in case of a disaster.

When Disaster Arrives Safety Tips

You may consider changing your voicemail message on your phones to include your family's status. If someone can't get through to you they can hear how you are doing.

Be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice.

When flood or flash flood warnings are issued in your area, always head for higher ground and remain there.

Always stay away from flood waters even if only ankle high, six inches of swift moving water can sweep you off of your feet.

If you get trapped in your vehicle and surrounded by flood waters that are rising, get out of your vehicle and get to higher ground (a vehicle can be swept away in a few feet of water).

Always keep children out of the water.

Be cautious at night, it is more difficult to recognize flood dangers.

Flood Disaster Supplies Checklist

- Water – 3 day supply (minimum -1 gallon, per person, a day)
- Food – 3 day supply of non-perishable, easy to prepare food (canned fruit/veggies, canned juice, dry milk, energy bars, jerky, nuts, dried fruit, canned meat and soups, peanut butter & jelly, crackers, cookies and cereals).
- Flashlight and emergency lighting (glow sticks)
- Battery-powered Radio
- Extra batteries and hearing aid batteries
- First Aid Kit with instructions
- Whistle (to alert rescuers of your location)
- Gloves/Goggles, extra eye glasses/contacts and eye drops
- Paper plates/utensils
- Large garbage bags
- Medications – 7 day supply of medication/medical supply items
- Multi-purpose tool (adjustable wrench, crowbar, hammer, nails)
- Sanitation & personal hygiene items (including toilet paper)
- Cell phone with chargers/phone that is not powered by electricity
- Family and emergency contact list, permanent marker
- Extra cash in small denominations
- Blanket/sleeping bag
- Map of your area
- Baby supplies (formula/food, diapers, favorite toy)
- Pet supplies (food, medication supplies, leash, carrier, id)
- Tools and supplies for securing your home
- Extra set of car keys and house keys
- Extra warm clothing, hat and sturdy shoes
- Rain gear
- Insect repellent & hand sanitizer
- Camera for photos of damage
- Plastic bucket w/tight lid
- Copies of important personal documents (medication list/prescription, birth certificates, photos, ID cards, medical cards, deed/leases, insurance policies etc.).

STORE ALL SUPPLIES IN A WATERPROOF CONTAINERS

RETURNING HOME AFTER A DISASTER

- Only return home when officials have declared the area safe.
- Before entering your residence, approach it carefully; look outside for loose power lines and any other visible structural damage.
- If you smell natural or propane gas or hear any hissing noise, leave immediately and call fire department.
- If you see any power lines down, do not step in any standing water, keep children and pets safe from any hazardous areas.
- Contact local waste service for information on disposal of hazardous wastes (batteries, chemicals). Discard any food and items that could have come into contact with hazardous chemicals or waste.
- Use clean water to wash dishes to avoid contamination to your food.
- If you have any questions contact your local public health department for specific recommendations on how to boil or treat water that may be contaminated.

WHEN TO CALL 9-1-1

Call 9-1-1 to request emergency medical, police or fire help.

During major disasters, 9-1-1 may be flooded with calls, so be prepared to wait.

All calls will be handled in priority order.

Be ready to answer the questions from the 9-1-1 operator and stay on the line until the operator hangs up.