

IF DISASTER STRIKES

REMAIN CALM AND BE PATIENT...

FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY OFFICIALS & LISTEN TO YOUR RADIO OR TELEVISION FOR NEWS AND INSTRUCTIONS AFTER A DISASTER STRIKES:

If the disaster occurs near your home while you are there:

- Be watchful for structural damage. Roofs and may be damaged and subject to collapse.
- **Do not** light matches or candles or turn on electrical switches.
- Check for fire, fire hazards and other household hazards.
- If you smell gas or suspect a leak, leave the effected area and call 911.
- Confine or secure your pets.
- Call your family contact – do not use the telephone again unless it is a life-threatening emergency.
- Check on your neighbors, especially those living alone, elderly or disabled. Do not enter any damaged site.
- Your local American Red Cross may be reached at 920-231-3590.

Cautions

Food, beverages and medicine exposed to heat, smoke, soot and water should **NOT** be consumed.

Leaving Your Home

- In some cases, it may be necessary to board up openings to discourage trespassers.
- Beginning immediately, save receipts for any money you spend. These receipts are important in showing the insurance company what money you have spent related to your loss and also for verifying losses claimed on your income tax.
- **If it is safe to do so**, try to locate the following items:
 - Identification, such as drivers license and social security cards
 - Insurance information
 - Medication information
 - Eyeglasses, hearing aids or other prosthetic devices
 - Valuables, such as credit cards, bank books, cash and jewelry

There are many people/entities that should be notified of your relocation, including:

- Your insurance agent/company
- Your mortgage company (also inform them of the loss)
- Your family and friends
- Your employer
- Your child's school
- Your post office
- Any delivery service

Do not throw away any damaged goods until after an inventory is made. All damages are taken into consideration in developing your insurance claim. If you are considering contracting for inventory or repair services, discuss your plans with your insurance agent/company first.

PET DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

Disaster shelters cannot accept pets because of states' health and safety regulations and other considerations. In the event of a disaster, if you must evacuate, the most important thing you can do to protect your pets is to evacuate them too. Shelters for pets will be established. Location information will be given through local media outlets. Your Pet Disaster Kit should include:

- Medications and medical records (stored in a waterproof container) and a kit.
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses, and/or carriers to transport pets safely and ensure that your animals can't escape.
- Current photos of your pets, in case they get lost.
- Food, portable water, bowls, cat litter/pan, and can opener.
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems and the name and number of your veterinarian, in case you have to foster or board your pets.
- Pet beds and toys, if easily transportable.