

Learn the “9 Steps to Take Right After a Disaster”

Planning + Preparedness + Practice = Resilience

Step 1. Take care of your loved ones.

Use under-bed kits for each member of your family. Protect head, hands and feet with a hardhat or bike helmet, leather gloves, sturdy shoes, flashlight and whistle.

Step 2. Check on the natural gas or propane at your home.

Shut off ONLY if you have a fire, smell rotten eggs, hear hissing, or see the dials on the meter turning unusually fast. DO NOT turn the meter back on - this requires a certified technician.

Step 3. Shut off the water to the house at your home's shut off.

This protects against pollutants from outside, and traps drinkable water in your home's pipes and water heater.

Step 4. Shut off electrical panel, if necessary.

Shut off individual breakers first, and then shut of the main.

Step 5. Place OK or HELP sign where it can be easily seen.

Posting helps neighbors quickly locate those in need first.

Step 6. Place a fire extinguisher on the curb visible to neighbors

Step 7. Go to neighborhood gathering site.

Step 8. Form teams to listen to emergency radios and check on neighbors

Step 9. Return to Gathering Site.

Review neighbor's status, regroup, reassess, and decide next actions.



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