

Disaster preparation begins with you

Is your neighborhood prepared for a disaster? Use this handy checklist to find out! Some of these items may be the responsibility of local governments or utility companies, but they cannot fix problems if they are unaware of them.

▶ Roads ◀

- Are roads properly maintained?
- Are roads kept clear of obstructions, such as parked cars and overhanging tree limbs, that would hinder emergency vehicle access?
- Is adequate turn-around space provided for emergency vehicles?
- Are broken or burned-out street lights repaired promptly?
- Are street signs properly installed and maintained?
- Are street signs easy to read?
- Is vegetation trimmed away from street signs?



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▶ Fire Protection ◀

- Are fire hydrants clearly marked and kept clear of vegetation?
- Are fire hydrants inspected regularly and properly maintained?
- Are fire extinguishers in common areas properly located and inspected regularly?

▶ Drainage systems ◀

- Are ditches, culverts, and drainage systems kept clear of debris?
- Are ponds or lakes properly maintained?
- Is your neighborhood located in a special flood zone?

▶ Common Areas ◀

- Are common areas maintained properly?
- Are brush and tree limbs pruned away from playgrounds and picnic areas?
- Are barbeque grills kept in good repair and cleared of vegetation?
- Is there a secure place to store loose objects, such as swings, pool furniture, and picnic tables, that might be picked up by high winds? Is someone responsible for securing these items if severe weather is expected?
- Is there a public telephone in common areas to call for help in an emergency?

▶ **Other American Red Cross** ◀
Brochures

Contact Capital Area Chapter American Red Cross chapter for copies of these informative publications.

Your Family Disaster Supplies Kit
ARC 4463

Emergency Preparedness Checklist
ARC 4471

Preparedness for Emergencies: a Checklist for People with Mobility Problems
ARC 4497

Helping Children Cope with Disaster
ARC 4499

Are You Ready for a Hurricane?
ARC 4454

Are You Ready for a Fire?
ARC 4456

Are You Ready for a Flood?
ARC 4458

Are You Ready for a Tornado?
ARC 4457

Are You Ready for a Thunderstorm?
ARC 5009

Safe Living in Your Manufactured Home
ARC 4465

Before Disaster Strikes
ARC 5075

Against the Wind
ARC 5023 Booklet and video

Preparing Your Home for a Hurricane
ARC 5040



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Disaster Resistant Neighborhood



Checklist for Neighborhoods