

Preparing to Recover

After a major disaster, you may need financial assistance and will want to document any property loss for insurance and income tax purposes. Having ready access to the documents necessary for completing application forms, as well as those which could be difficult to replace, will help reduce delay and frustration.



At A Minimum:

1. Gather property insurance papers (home, auto, boat, etc.) and make copies.
2. Gather health insurance papers (medical provider, dental provider, life, extended disability, etc.) and make copies.
3. Gather financial papers (bank, investment, retirement, etc.) and make copies.
4. Gather wills, powers of attorney, and estate papers and make copies.
5. Take photos or videos of all valuables as documentation for insurance claims.
 - store these copies and photos in a safe deposit box, or in a ziplock bag in your freezer (you may want to disguise these documents by putting them in a clean box like a frozen pizza box).



Important Contact Information

Because it may be difficult to think during the stress of a disaster, and because normal routines have been disrupted, take a few moments and create a written record of these important phone numbers:

Work

Adult name: _____

Place of work: _____

Work phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Adult name: _____

Place of work: _____

Work phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Adult name: _____

Place of work: _____

Work phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

School

Child name: _____

School name: _____

School phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Child name: _____

School name: _____

School phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Child name: _____

School name: _____

School phone: _____

Cell phone: _____