

Your Checklist

Ways Red Cross Can Help

Your Home

1. Begin by assessing your home:

- Is it safe and secure?
Check inside, outside and foundation
- Are utilities on?
- What is damaged?
- What can be saved?
- What can be cleaned?
- Can you stay in your home?
- Can you cook and store food safely?

▶ Listen to your local TV/radio station for community guidance in your area prior to and following a disaster and visit www.RedCross.org for additional information.

2. Determine if your home is destroyed or has suffered major damage due to this disaster:

- Roof off, foundation damaged
- Walls, ceilings, floors damaged
- Essential personal property is not usable
- Significant water in the living unit

▶ If you need help right now, listen to your local media to learn about assistance being provided in your community or call the Red Cross at 1-866-GET-INFO to discuss your immediate emergency needs.

3. Identify your available resources:

- Call your insurance agent
- Call your landlord or property manager
- Check with friends and family in the area for possible immediate help

4. If you cannot stay in your home:

- Pack a few changes of clothing, bedding, essential medications and toiletries
- Kennel your pets or take them to a safe place
- Arrange to stay with family, friends or in a recovery shelter
- Contact family members to let them know where you are and that you are OK

▶ To find the nearest shelter location, listen to your local TV/radio station for locations in your area or call the Red Cross at 1-866-GET-INFO.

Emergency Meals

5. If you can stay in your home but cannot cook:

Meals may be available at community or Red Cross shelters or through mobile feeding vehicles traveling through the disaster area.

The Red Cross cannot provide money to replace perishable items lost due to power outage.

▶ Call the Red Cross at 1-866-GET-INFO to find the nearest shelter or other feeding site. If your *only* loss is food that was in your freezer or refrigerator while power was out and you require support during the emergency, you may be referred to other community resources that may be able to assist you with food loss resulting from power outage.

Hearing Impaired? TDD 1-800-526-1417

If you have not done so already, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well Web site available through www.redcross.org to let your family and friends know about your welfare. If you don't have internet access, call 1-800-RED CROSS to register yourself and your family.