

RECOVERING FROM A DISASTER/EMERGENCY

Stay tuned to your local radio or television for emergency information and instructions.

The most important preparedness activity any citizen can do to prepare for an emergency event is to be sure that you have current and adequate property insurance. Both homeowners and renters need to maintain property insurance to guarantee their family's recovery. Follow these guidelines for the following emergency events:

Tornado

- Use caution when entering a building, making sure that the walls, ceilings and roof are in place and secure on its foundation
- Be aware of downed power lines, broken gas mains and watch for broken glass
- Check for medical emergencies and if necessary, dial 911 for immediate assistance
- Contact your insurance carrier as soon as possible

Flood

- Look for fire and utility hazards
- Discard food and water that has come in contact with flood waters
- Pump out flooded basements slowly, about one third of the water per day, to protect the foundation from further damage
- Service damaged septic tanks, cesspools, pits and leaching systems immediately. Damaged sewage systems are health hazards and can intensify the effects of the flood
- Contact your insurance carrier immediately

Hazardous Material Incidents

- If evacuated, do not return home until local authorities say it is safe
- Upon arriving home, open up all the windows and doors to provide natural ventilation
- Do not attempt to try mechanical ventilation (electric fans), as an explosive threat may be present
- Find out from local authorities how to clean up your land and property
- Discard food and water supplies that were impacted by the hazardous material contamination
- Contact your insurance carrier immediately