

Disaster Preparedness Guidepost August 27, 2020 2020-2021 Goals


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Disaster Relief Supplies

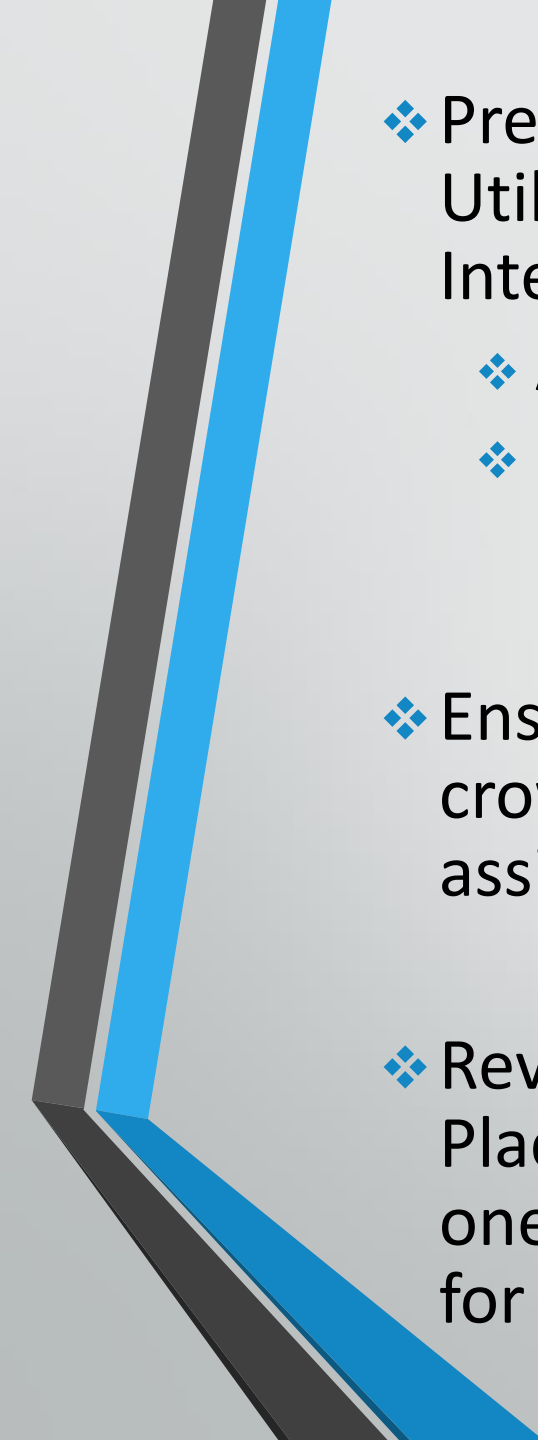
Each local church is to ensure the following is in place:

- ❖ Stocked First Aid Kits with blood pressure cuff & glucometer,
 - ❖ Flashlights and Batteries and/or Solar Power,
 - ❖ Emergency Food & Water Supply
 - ❖ visit www.AMEHealth.org for suggestions (*food allergies - avoid nuts & PB),
 - ❖ hand crank radio,
 - ❖ Handi-Wipes/Baby Wipes,
 - ❖ Paper products - toilet paper, paper towels,
 - ❖ Feminine supplies, and
 - ❖ Emergency equipment - blankets, orange cones or orange flags, bleach, working and inspected fire extinguishers, heavy duty tape, and large trash bags.
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- ❖ Personnel at church trained in First Aid, CPR and how to properly use Fire Extinguisher.

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- ❖ Pastor and Church Staff – ensure important church documents are stored safely (waterproof containers), know all important codes & shut-off valve location.
 - ❖ *Store comfortable clothes, sturdy shoes, prescription medicine, reading material, first aid kit and snacks in your office or car so you will be able assist in an emergency, during a Shelter in Place or Lock down at your church.*
 - ❖ Establish church Disaster Relief Fund and/or apply for funds or a non-profit grant from local, state or US Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness to purchase emergency supplies, a security system and defibrillator for your church
 - ❖ funds are still available for 501c3 organizations.

Church Disaster Preparedness – Fire Drill, Severe Weather, Intruder in the Building, Shelter in Place & Lock Down


- ❖ Each local church is to conduct a Fire Drill and Evacuation Drill (Tornado & Power Outage).
 - ❖ Complete prior to re-entry, during the first month or re-entry and then quarterly.
- ❖ Attend emergency community planning meetings – many are occurring virtually.
 - ❖ After re-entry, invite your local Emergency City Management, Fire and Police to assist with drills & workshops.

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- ❖ Prepare your building for re-entry when the time is appropriate. Utilize the re-entry guidance document, created by the AMEC International Health Commission.
 - ❖ Available electronically (\$5 using donate button) on www.amechealth.org.
 - ❖ Ensure a map of church exits and evacuation routes are posted.
 - ❖ Establish safe meeting place after evacuation.
 - ❖ Ensure key staff are assigned to guide people, control crowd/traffic, make sure everyone is out of the building and to assist those in need of assistance.
 - ❖ Review Intruder in the Building (www.AMEChealth.org), Shelter in Place (need 72 hours of emergency supplies) and Lock down (no one in or out) guidelines and your church communication system for emergencies.

Congregant Disaster Relief Supplies

Each local church is to encourage each congregant to ensure the following is in place:

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- ❖ Emergency Food & Water Supply
 - ❖ visit www.AMEHealth.org for suggestions (*food allergies - avoid nuts & PB),
- ❖ hand crank radio,
- ❖ Handi-Wipes/Baby Wipes,
- ❖ Paper products - toilet paper, paper towels,
- ❖ Feminine supplies, and
- ❖ Emergency equipment - blankets, orange cones or orange flags, bleach, working and inspected fire extinguishers, heavy duty tape, and large trash bags.
- ❖ Have a supply of these items in a 'go' bag.

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- ❖ Know all important codes & shut-off valve locations.
 - ❖ Become trained in First Aid and CPR
 - ❖ Know how to properly use Fire Extinguisher.
 - ❖ Place in a separate 'go' bag – safely stored copies of important documents (waterproof containers or scanned to a USB drive/SD card).
 - ❖ *Also include comfortable clothes, sturdy shoes, prescription medicine, reading material, first aid kit and snacks readily available bag so that you can leave on short notice or during a Shelter in Place or Lock down.*
 - ❖ Establish Disaster Relief or Emergency Needs account