



Emergency Instruction Card for Bluffdale Residents

Preparing your Family for an Emergency

- ___ Work to become as financially, emotionally, & physically healthy and independent as possible.
- ___ In a fireproof safe, or a location away from your home, have originals of important documents & photos of valuables.
- ___ Take First Aid, CPR, CERT, and other classes.
- ___ Install and maintain fire alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers in your home.
- ___ Prepare to meet the needs of your in-home businesses, family members with special needs, and animals.
- ___ Inspect your house & yard for any potential dangers, keep in good repair. Know how to turn off gas, water, & power.
- ___ Establish a place to meet outside of your home where your family can safely gather after an emergency evacuation.
- ___ Become familiar with the various ways to communicate and receive information during an emergency:
 - Register your cell phone number with Valley Emergency Communication Center (Bluffdale's emergency dispatch) through their website: Signup Smart911 (www.smart911.com/smart911/registration/registrationLanding.action)
 - Sign up for alerts from Bluffdale City at www.bluffdale.gov/list.aspx?ListID=229 to receive local emergency info, including evacuation notices, shelter locations, etc.
 - When you can't get through with a cell phone call, try texting, WhatsApp, or Facebook Messenger
 - Have a battery-powered radio to tune in to Emergency Alert Radio Systems: KSL 1160 AM, or KSL 102.7 FM

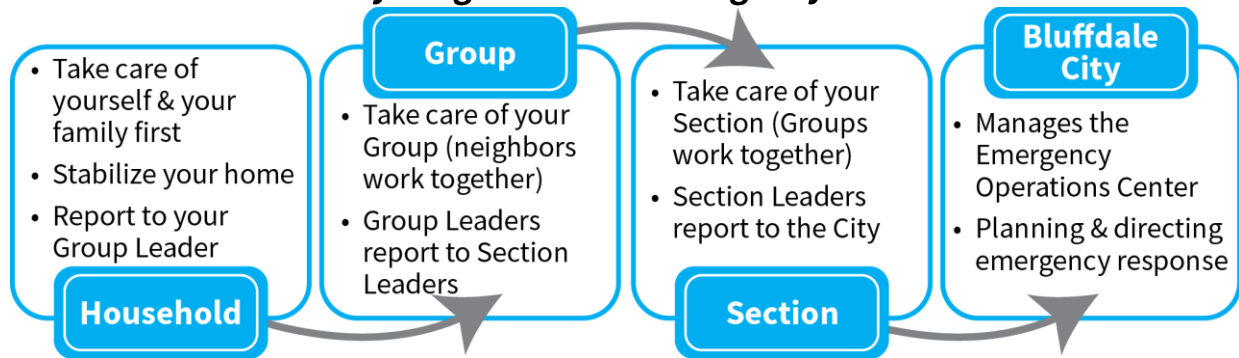
Gather the following supplies:

- ___ Grab Bag: Items you use all the time, and might keep separate from an emergency kit, such as:
 - Wallet, cash, credit cards, ID, Driver's License, car keys, house keys
 - Glasses/Contacts, personal hygiene items, baby supplies, medications, prescriptions in original containers
 - Communication: cell phone, 2-way FRS or GMRS radio, runner
 - Copies of important documents: insurance, legal information, medical information
 - Family evacuation plans include a map of the home and yard with exits, gathering areas, utility shut-off valves, etc.
 - Emergency contact list, including pre-determined Out-of-State contacts
- ___ 4-7 Day Emergency Kit containing food, water, supplies & clothing for survival away from home.
- ___ 3-month supply of items that can sustain you at home: water, foods your family normally eats, supplies for alternate cooking methods, and sanitation supplies.
- ___ Auto, Work, and Shelter-in-Place Kits

Helpful websites:

- Emergency Management | Bluffdale City: www.bluffdale.gov/EmergencyPrep
- 12 Areas of Preparedness | Be Ready Utah: www.beready.utah.gov/family-preparedness/12-areas-of-preparedness/
- Prepare Your Pets for Disasters | Ready.gov: www.ready.gov/pets
- People with Disabilities | Ready.gov: www.ready.gov/people-disabilities

The Bluffdale City Neighborhood Emergency Plan—How It Works



In An Emergency.....

First, care for the urgent and immediate needs of your family

- 1) Account for and assess the needs of each member of your family. Treat/respond according to your **ability, training, and resources**. If more help is needed, request it from your Group Leader and/or Group Meeting Place** (See below.)
- 2) Access damage to your home and property.
 - a) If your home is unsafe, evacuate! Go to a prearranged family meeting place outside your home or to the Group Meeting Place. Take emergency kits and grab bags with you.
 - b) If required for safety purposes, turn off water, electricity, or gas. Turn off the gas ONLY if you smell it in your home.
 - c) If it is safe to stay in your home, do so. Report the status of your family and home to your Group Leader by phone, text, FRS/GMRS radio, in person, or by the preferred method of communication for your Group at the Group Meeting Place
- 3) Call your Out-of-State Contact to report on your condition and to connect with family members who are away from home.

Second, as members of your family become available, gather at the Group Meeting Place to:

- 1) Assist others in the Group who need shelter, first aid, childcare, food, water, equipment, blankets, etc.
- 2) Assist the Group Leader in any way needed; OR if you are the first one there, assume Group leadership until the Group Leader arrives. To do this:
 - a) Ask a responsible group member to act as scribe (to document actions and communications).
 - b) Gather pens, pencils, paper, a clipboard, a flashlight, and radio. The actual Group Leader should have a Group Map, contact lists, message forms, Neighborhood Assessment Forms, list of Group Resources (optional and voluntary).
 - c) Assist Group members to meet their critical needs by using the **ability, training, and resources** of the Group.
 - d) Request resources from (or send requested resources to) other nearby Groups or your Section.
 - e) Communicate using phone/text, radios, runner, or the Group and Section's preferred method of communication***. Always keep a written record of communications. Use Message Form #1 if available. If not, the scribe keeps a record of communications.

Third, if available, report to the Section Operations and Staging Area to offer assistance

**My Group # _____, My Group Leader _____ Phone _____

Group Meeting place _____ My Group's preferred method(s) of communication _____

My Section _____, My Section Leader _____ Phone _____

Section Operations and Staging Area _____ (A location where Section & Group Leaders gather to meet the needs of the Section, either with resources within the Section or by request from Bluffdale City Emergency Operations Center)

***Section's preferred method of communication (can be same as Group) _____