

If disaster strikes, remain calm and patient and put your plan into action.

- Check for injuries. Give first aid and get help for seriously injured people. The American Red Cross offers first aid and CPR classes regularly.
- Listen to your battery-powered radio for news and instructions. Evacuate if advised to do so. Wear protective clothing and sturdy shoes.
- Stay away from downed power lines.
- Check for damage in your home.
- Use flashlights - do not light matches or turn on electrical switches, if you suspect damage.
- Check for fires, fire hazards and other household hazards. Sniff for gas leaks, starting at the water heater. If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off the main gas valve, open windows and get everyone outside quickly.
- Shut off any other damaged utilities. Clean up spilled medicines, bleaches, gasoline and other flammable liquids immediately.
- Remember to: confine or secure your pets. Call your family contact – do not use the telephone again unless it is a life-threatening emergency.

**Check on your neighbors, especially elderly or disabled persons.** Make sure you have an adequate water supply in case service is shut off. Stay away from downed power lines.