

# ARE YOU READY FOR AN EMEGENCY?

## It's as easy as 1-2-3!

**1) Have a disaster supplies kit, which includes the following. (for more info, [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov))**

- **Water** (At least 1 gallon per person per day)
- **Food:** Store at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable food. Select food that requires no refrigeration, preparation or cooking, and little or no water. Select food items that are compact and lightweight. Suggested foods: Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, and vegetables, dried fruits, nuts, peanut butter, canned juices, and for infants: formula and powdered milk.
- **First Aid Kit:** Assemble a first aid kit for your home and one for your car. Include any non-prescription drugs such as aspirin or pain relievers; at least have a 2 weeks supply of any prescription drugs needed by your family, especially heart or high blood pressure medicines, insulin. **Remember to replace these as they expire.**
- **Tools or Supplies:** Non electric can opener, paper products, battery operated radio, and flashlights. Extra batteries, tools to shut off any household utilities, whistle, and water proof matches. Include sanitation supplies as well, toilet paper, soap, personal hygiene items, garbage bags, disinfectant, and bleach.
- **Clothing and Bedding:** Blankets, sleeping bags, hat, gloves, and sturdy shoes or work boots
- **Important Family Documents:** Keep items in a water proof, portable container.
- **Entertainment and Special Items:** Remember family members with special requirements, such as infants and elderly or disable persons. Have entertainment for children, such as games and books. A disaster can be traumatic for children.

### **2) Have a Disaster Plan for Pets (If Applicable)**

Make sure all pets are current on their vaccinations. Pet shelters may require proof of vaccines. Have current photographs on hand. Have a properly sized pet carrier for each animal. Carriers should be large enough for the animal to stand and turn around.

Have a disaster supply kit for your pets, which should include the following:

- Proper identification including immunization records, an ample supply of food and water, a carrier or cage, medications, muzzle, collar or leash.
- If pets can not be found after a disaster, contact the local animal control office to find out where lost animals can be recovered. Bring along a picture if possible.

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Remember, after a disaster animals can become aggressive or defensive, monitor their behavior.

### 3) Have a Family Disaster Plan

Pick 2 places to meet right outside your home or outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home.

Ask an out-of-state friend to be your "family contact ". **After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance.** Other family members should call this person and tell them where they are.

Learn about your communities warning signals: what they sound like and what you should do when you hear them.

During a disaster, ordinary objects in your home can cause injury or damage. Anything that can move, fall, break or cause a fire is a hazard. Inspect your home at least once a year and fix potential hazards.

### **Disaster Preparedness at Huntington Gardens Apartments**

Huntington Gardens will have limited tools and supplies on hand for shutting off the gas and water supply. Staff has been trained when and how to do this, so residents should not attempt to do it unless directed so by a staff member. Do not rely on Management or neighbors for any supplies. Management does have a disaster plan, and all employees have been trained and have been instructed with their duties.

### ***If a disaster should occur,***

The general meeting place for residents seeking information or assistance is in the center of the complex, - at the Basketball Court. Staff members will report to the Basketball Court to assist you and provide information. **Do not re-enter your apartment.**

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