



Home Emergency Status Program

A Quick and Simple Way to Seek Help in a Disaster

We know a large scale disaster could cause injury and death and possibly overwhelm local emergency responders. Officials will need to prioritize response operations in an effort to make that assistance more efficient and provide resources where they're needed the most. Many municipalities recognize the Home Emergency Status Program when conducting neighborhood checks or "windshield assessments."

This program allows emergency responders or block captains to drive the length of a street and determine at a glance the extent of the disaster's impact and which homes need help the most. Residents should keep contact paper in four colors: green, yellow, red and black near a front window that is clearly visible from the street. Following a large scale emergency, residents should assess their situation then place the corresponding colored page or pages in the window of their home or business.

Green indicates everything is okay at that location; red means immediate help is needed; yellow means help is required, but not critical; and black is used if there is a death. Green should not be used with any other color. Red and yellow should not be used together, but either one could be used with black.



✓ Make a Plan ✓ Get a Kit ✓ Be Informed ✓ Get Involved

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