

Block Priorities After Emergencies

Immediately after the emergency is identified and contained:

1. Safety- Personal and Street

Hazards are identified and minimized

Unsafe areas or structures, downed power wires, hazardous spills

Gas, power, water

2. Everyone accounted for

Help/OK scan

All homes on the block checked

Maintain and update list as needed

**After hazards are contained and residents accounted for:
Determine Knowledge and resources- begin to assemble and allocate**

1. Adequate shelter provided

Homes, pop-ups, tents/tarps

Personal protection from the elements

Light and energy sources- power banks to charge lights, phones, electronics

2. Establish common space for information, updates, gathering spot, neighbor support

3. Safety zones established- (both indoor and outdoor locations)

How many spaces need to be heated/cooled to provide safety for the block?

Child and special needs location

Medical treatment location

4. Water- gather and inventory- If necessary, develop distribution system

5. Cooking stations- establish clear areas, determine responsibility; concentrate stations to maximize food prep and minimize fuel use

6. Food- initial food inventory to determine what to prepare first; develop plan to maintain perishable food as long as possible. Concentrate frozen food into packed insulated freezers and sort to minimize opening freezers.

7. Sanitary stations- establish clear areas and assign responsibility

8. Establish list of needs and current status to relay to rescuers- maintain and update often