



## **SMITHSBURG'S DISASTER PLAN**

### **Important Phone Numbers**

**Emergency - Call 911**  
**Smithsburg Fire Company**  
**301-824-2889**  
**Smithsburg Town Hall**  
**301-824-7234**  
**Smithsburg Police Dept.**  
**301-824-3500**

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# **PREPARING FOR DISASTERS**

## **PLAN AHEAD**

Talk to your family the importance of being prepared. Make sure every family member is involved and knows what they have to do. Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home.

## **ESCAPE ROUTE**

Select a place to meet after the disaster, in fact choose two places. For area-wide emergencies, identify a place to meet if you are told to evacuate. Choose several places - a motel, a shelter, a friend's home in another town.

## **KEEP INFORMED**

Discuss with family how you will communicate. Teach your children how and when to call 911. Listen to your favorite TV and

Radio Stations. Show each family member how and when to turn off water, gas, and electricity at the main switches. Teach each family member how to use a fire extinguisher (ABC type), and show them where it is kept. Find the best escape routes from your home. Find two ways out of each room.

## **EMERGENCY SUPPLIES**

Keep enough supplies in your home to meet your needs for at least three days. Assemble a disaster kit with items you may need in an evacuation. Store these supplies in sturdy easy to carry containers. A three day supply of water (one gallon per person per day) and food that won't spoil. Change your stored water supply every six months, rotate your stored food every six months. Rethink your kit and family needs at least once a year. One change of clothing and footwear per person, one blanket or sleeping bag per person. A first aid kit that includes your family's

prescription medications. Emergency tools including a battery powered radio, flashlight and plenty of batteries. Sanitation supplies, extra car keys, and a credit card, cash or traveler's checks. Special items for infants, elderly, or disabled family member. An extra pair of glasses.

## **IMPORTANT FAMILY DOCUMENTS**

Keep these records in a waterproof portable container.

- 1) Will, insurance policies, contacts, deeds, stocks & bonds.
- 2) Passports, social security cards, immunization records.
- 3) Bank account numbers.
- 4) Credit card account numbers and companies.
- 5) Inventory of valuable household goods, important telephone numbers.
- 6) Family records - Birth, Death, and Marriage.