

Senior Disaster Registry



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Plan for an
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In collaboration with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Emergency Management Department, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, Charlotte Fire Department, Mecklenburg County GIS Department, Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services, Mecklenburg County Commission and Mecklenburg County Health Department.

During a disaster or emergency, frail, homebound and elderly citizens may need assistance.

- Nearly 30% of the 65+ population in Charlotte-Mecklenburg has a physical disability that would make evacuation difficult for them during an emergency.
- More than 34,000 older adults in Mecklenburg County will be at risk should a disaster strike our area.

The Senior Disaster Registry can help!

Working with other agencies and organizations in Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Council on Aging has created the **Senior Disaster Registry...**

- A free, voluntary, secure and confidential database to collect information from older adults and those with disabilities who may need assistance during an emergency or disaster.
- A way to alert emergency responders to a registrant's location and give vital information needed to best provide assistance.



Who Should Register for the Senior Disaster Registry?

- Aging adults 60 years or older.
- Persons who are frail and/or homebound.
- Persons needing transportation assistance in the event of emergencies.
- Persons not served in or by long-term care facilities.



The Senior Disaster Registry Form contains:

- Personal information
- Medical information
- Medical provider information
- Evacuation information
- Authorization information

How the Senior Disaster Registry Will Work:

- Eligible individuals complete and submit the **Senior Disaster Registry** form to Council on Aging.



- The information will be stored in a database to be used solely for referring and directing emergency responders to registered persons.
- In the event of an emergency/disaster, all registered individuals may be contacted by telephone using Mecklenburg County's emergency community notification system and given information/instructions about an emergency/evacuation plan.
- Seniors are also encouraged to have a personal emergency plan in place.
- You will be contacted at least once a year to update your Registry information. You are also encouraged to update Registry information when there are changes.

Why You Should Register for the Senior Disaster Registry:

- To ensure that you are notified by government officials when an evacuation has been ordered.
- To have your information available for emergency responders in the event of an emergency.

Ways to Register for the Senior Disaster Registry:

Phone: 704-391-5216

Email: SeniorRegistry@charmecckcoa.org

Mail: 10925 David Taylor Dr.
Suite 150
Charlotte, NC 28262

Request a form be sent to you to fill out and mail back.

Ask a relative or friend to help you register.



The Senior Disaster Registry in no way replaces the responsibility of each individual to have their own emergency plan.

A Personal Disaster Plan from Council on Aging, just in case.

Checklist of Things to Do...

- Put together a disaster supplies kit.
- Post emergency phone numbers by your phone.
- Identify safe places within your home.
- Plan and practice escape routes, just in case.
- Arrange for someone to check in on you.
- Make transportation and evacuation plans.
- Create a plan to signal for help.
- Listen for information about shelters and resources in your area.
- Identify a safe haven in the event that you must evacuate your home.
- Keep instructions for medical equipment in a sealed plastic bag taped to the device.
- Complete and submit a Senior Disaster Registry form to Council on Aging.

*It's YOUR Future...
Make sure it's senior-friendly!*



List of Disaster Supplies For You ...

- Battery powered radio and flashlight (include extra batteries)
- Copies of important documents (will, birth certificates, insurance policies, leases, mortgages, medical insurance, passport, I.D. card, Social Security card and Medicare cards, etc.)
- Necessary medical supplies (prescriptions, first aid kit, list of allergies, extra eye glasses and hearing aid batteries, contact information for doctors and next of kin, medical device model and serial numbers, etc.)
- Phone numbers of close family and friends
- Extra set of clothing
- Blanket or sleeping bag
- Extra keys
- Cash, including coin
- Non-perishable food and water (at least a 3-day supply)
- Necessary tools (can opener, duct tape, etc.)
- Hand crank radio (some can charge cell phones)
- Phone card
- Whistle or other noise maker

For Your Pet ...

- Medications, first aid kit, medical records and name and number of your vet
- Sturdy leashes and carriers
- Bowls, cat litter, litter box and enough food and water for at least 3 days
- Current photo and description in case you and your pet are separated
- Newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags
- Write down the name(s) of your pet(s) and any special care instructions
- Make sure name tag information is current

Planning for the Worst is Your Best Plan of Action