

WHY DO YOU NEED THE BLANK GREEN SHEET?

During a MAJOR DISASTER such as an earthquake, major fires, etc., Fire and Law enforcement personnel are severely impacted with meeting IMMEDIATE NEED emergencies involving major life and or property losses. As such, deployment of these limited resources MUST be set on priorities of these emergencies. Therefore, you as a citizen can help minimize the unnecessary responses of these vital resources by following these simple instructions below, until such time that the disaster has been mitigated and responses can be returned to normal.

BLANK GREEN SHEET USAGE CRITERIA

Attach the BLANK GREEN SHEET to either a visible window from the street or in front of your house on a piece of cardboard and mounted so that it can be seen from the street, to notify safety personnel (Fire, Law Enforcement, CERT members, Citizens on Patrol) during a disaster of your situation if you fall under ALL of the following:

1. **ALL IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD ARE WELL** or have minor injuries (**non-life threatening medical problems**) that you can handle yourself and **your GAS, WATER and ELECTRICITY are either shut off or intact, working and you can survive with other means for 5 days.** (You should change this GREEN sheet to the BLANK RED SHEET after the first five days if your utilities have not been restored).
2. Your house and property are **NOT** severely damaged to the point of being unsafe to occupy. (Example would be that the actual integrity of the structure has **NOT** been compromised beyond the point of being able to safely occupy the structure).

Please keep in mind that during a major disaster, you are expected to be self-sufficient for 120 hours (5 days) after the incident, barring any major injuries. This includes having enough supplies (food and water) and other needed items for your family's survival.

WHY DO YOU NEED THE BLANK RED SHEET?

During a MAJOR DISASTER such as an earthquake, major fires, etc., Fire and Law enforcement personnel are severely impacted with meeting IMMEDIATE NEED emergencies involving major life and or property losses. As such, deployment of these limited resources MUST be set on priorities of these emergencies. Therefore, you as a citizen can help identify REAL EMERGENCY situations by following the simple instructions below.

BLANK RED SHEET USAGE CRITERIA

Attach the BLANK RED SHEET to either a visible window from the street or in front of your house on a piece of cardboard and mounted so that it can be seen from the street, to notify safety personnel (Fire, Law Enforcement, CERT members, Citizens on Patrol) during a disaster, of your situation if you fall under ANY of the following:

3. If anyone in your household has a LIFE THREATENING MEDICAL EMERGENCY. In this case, attempt to call 911 immediately. If phone lines are down, contact a neighbor to drive to your local station and get help.
4. You have a GAS LINE or WATER LINE leak/beak and cannot shut either off at your meters (First you should attempt to shut off these utilities if you have a leak, at the meters). Assure to evacuate to a safe area, (upwind and down hill) if you have a Gas Leak. If you are on PROPANE and fear or smell a leak, shut it off at the tank. Move upwind and UPHILL from the tank (Propane is heavier than air).
5. Your house and/or property are severely damaged to the point of being unsafe to occupy. (Example would be that the actual integrity of the structure has been compromised beyond the point of being able to safely occupy the structure). EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY and assure that you also MARK THE BLANK RED SHEET WITH A BLACK "X" so that no one else enters the structure while you are gone until building and safety has check it. Leave a contact number on this sheet if you will be away from the premises.

Please keep in mind that during a major disaster, you are expected to be self-sustained for 120 hours (5 days) after the incident, barring any major injuries. This includes having enough supplies (food and water) and other needed items for your family's survival.

ASSURE YOU ARE WELL PREPARED BEFORE A DISASTER OCCURS.

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