

Damage Assessment



The Family Damage Assessment Coordinator is responsible for safely assessing damages to your home or property after a disaster and reporting these conditions to the Family Preparedness Coordinator. The Family Damage Assessment Coordinator is also responsible for taking photographs or videos of your home and property, including valuables, before and after a disaster as documentation for insurance claims.

Before A Disaster...

- Complete a training course in damage assessment offered through the American Red Cross.
- File copies of important documents (tax records, insurance policies, journals, etc.) in a safe place. (If you don't have a fireproof container for these documents, store them in a moisture proof container in your refrigerator or deep freeze.)
- Take photographs or a video of your home and property, including all valuables, as documentation for insurance claims. Store the photographs or video cassette in a fireproof container in your home or waterproof/fireproof container with your emergency supplies outside your home.

After A Disaster...

- Conduct a preliminary survey of your home and property. Note the following:
 - location of fires
 - broken gas main
 - location of downed power lines
 - if your home has separated from its foundation
 - collapsed walls
 - broken water lines
 - outside doors that appear blocked or jammed
 - location of large cracks in the street, driveway, or lawn
 - location of uprooted trees
 - items blocking the street, doorways, or driveway
 - location of broken windows
- Report this information to the Family Preparedness Coordinator.
- Keep all receipts of supplies you purchase to make repairs to your home or property for assistance applications and insurance claims.
- Within 72 hours of a disaster, complete a detailed damage survey on forms provided by your local Emergency Management Office or the American Red Cross.