



The Voice of the Human Services Community

Disaster Preparedness and Response Program FAQ

1. Where can I get information on disaster preparedness planning?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (<http://www.fema.gov>) and the New York City Office of Emergency Management (<http://www.nyc.gov/oem>) have resources on how individuals and households should prepare for disaster. In addition, the American Red Cross in Greater New York (<http://nyredcross.org>) has information about training programs, and more.

2. Where can I get current disaster information about awareness and preparedness for individuals and households?

The Citizens Corps Council has ongoing task forces that meet to discuss issues pertaining to citizen awareness and preparedness. You may also contact the American Red Cross or the NYC Office of Emergency Management's (NYC OEM) Ready New York program for presentations, training information, and call 311 to have Ready New York preparedness brochures sent to you directly.

NYC Citizen Corps Council / NYC OEM	Email: nallen@oem.nyc.gov
NYC Citizen Corps Council / NYC OEM	Email: hschaffer@oem.nyc.gov
American Red Cross in Greater New York	http://nyredcross.org
Ready New York/NYC OEM	http://www.nyc.gov/readyny

3. How can my agency get involved in providing services after a disaster?

The New York City Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NYC VOAD) and its committees will meet to update agencies on disaster response efforts and agencies can attend these meetings to learn more about services being provided and services that are needed.

4. Where do I get information on what happens after a disaster?

The NYC VOAD and its various committees will meet to update agencies on disaster response efforts and agencies can attend these meetings to learn more about efforts. Further information may be obtained from the NYC OEM (<http://www.nyc.gov/oem>).

Useful Links

Government Agencies

- NYC Office of Emergency Management
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/home/home.shtml>
- US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
<http://www.fema.gov/>
- NY State Emergency Management Office (SEMO)
<http://www.semo.state.ny.us/index.cfm>
- US Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
<http://www.cdc.gov/>
- National Weather Service
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>

Resources for Emergency Preparedness

- National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD)
<http://www.nvoad.org/>
- Ready New York (NYC Office of Emergency Management)
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/ready/prepared.shtml>
- Get Ready! (US Department of Homeland Security)
<http://www.ready.gov/>
- Get Prepared! (American National Red Cross)
http://www.redcross.org/services/prepare/0,1082,0_239_,00.html
- What's Your Readiness Quotient (The Council for Excellence in Government)
<http://www.whatsyourrq.org/>
- NYC Citizen Corps Council
http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/agencies/agencies_citizen.shtml
- The Disaster Planning, Emergency Preparedness & Business Continuity manual
http://www.npceny.org/info/disaster_plan.htm