



MAP YOUR BLOCK

HELP PREPARE YOUR COMMUNITY ONE
BLOCK AT A TIME.



INTRODUCTION TO MAP YOUR BLOCK

IN THIS WORKBOOK YOU WILL:

1

LEARN THE FIRST 8 STEPS TO TAKE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING A DISASTER TO SECURE YOUR HOME AND TO PROTECT YOUR BLOCK.

It is hard to think clearly following a disaster. These steps will help you quickly and safely do things that really help.

2

IDENTIFY THE SKILLS AND EQUIPMENT EACH NEIGHBOR HAS THAT ARE USEFUL IN AN EFFECTIVE DISASTER RESPONSE.

Knowing which neighbors have supplies and skills helps your disaster response be timely, and allows everyone to contribute to the response in a meaningful way. In a disaster, your most immediate sources of help are the neighbors living around you.

3

CREATE A BLOCK MAP SHOWING THE LOCATIONS OF:

A) Each natural gas meter and propane tank. About 67% of house fires following disasters are caused by leaking gas. Knowing where these meters are and shutting them off helps eliminate this threat.

B) Each neighbor who is elderly, who has a disability, and where children are who may be home alone at certain hours of the day.

Note: Checking on neighbors vulnerable to injury and trauma helps protect them from going into shock, and helps ensure that everyone is okay.

DISASTER INFORMATION AND AN EMERGENCY REPORTING STRUCTURE ARE PROVIDED TO YOU THROUGH YOUR BLOCK LEADER(S).

PUT THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION HERE: Name _____

Phone _____ Address _____ Email _____

CUT ALONG DOTTED LINES



BEFORE THE DISASTER

Put two band-aids in this booklet and put the booklet under your bed, along with your sturdy shoes, hard hats and leather gloves.

AFTER THE DISASTER

Use the band-aids to hang this card on the front door or a window so it is visible from the street.

YOUR BLOCK CONTACT LIST

BLOCK LEADER

HOUSEHOLD OR UNIT #1

Adult Name(s)
 Child Name(s)
 Best Phone
 Email
 Pet(s) and kind(s)

Any person with specific needs.

ASST. BLOCK LEADER

HOUSEHOLD OR UNIT #2

Adult Name(s)
 Child Name(s)
 Best Phone
 Email
 Pet(s) and kind(s)

Any person with specific needs.

HOUSEHOLD OR UNIT #3

Adult Name(s)
 Child Name(s)
 Best Phone
 Email
 Pet(s) and kind(s)

Any person with specific needs.

HOUSEHOLD OR UNIT #4

Adult Name(s)
 Child Name(s)
 Best Phone
 Email
 Pet(s) and kind(s)

Any person with specific needs.

HOUSEHOLD OR UNIT #5

Adult Name(s)
 Child Name(s)
 Best Phone
 Email
 Pet(s) and kind(s)

Any person with specific needs.

HOUSEHOLD OR UNIT #6

Adult Name(s)
 Child Name(s)
 Best Phone
 Email
 Pet(s) and kind(s)

Any person with specific needs.

HOUSEHOLD OR UNIT #7

Adult Name(s)
 Child Name(s)
 Best Phone
 Email
 Pet(s) and kind(s)

Any person with specific needs.

HOUSEHOLD OR UNIT #8

Adult Name(s)
 Child Name(s)
 Best Phone
 Email
 Pet(s) and kind(s)

Any person with specific needs.

HOUSEHOLD OR UNIT #9

Adult Name(s)
 Child Name(s)
 Best Phone
 Email
 Pet(s) and kind(s)

Any person with specific needs.

HOUSEHOLD OR UNIT #10

Adult Name(s)
 Child Name(s)
 Best Phone
 Email
 Pet(s) and kind(s)

Any person with specific needs.

HOUSEHOLD OR UNIT #11

Adult Name(s)
 Child Name(s)
 Best Phone
 Email
 Pet(s) and kind(s)

Any person with specific needs.

HOUSEHOLD OR UNIT #12

Adult Name(s)
 Child Name(s)
 Best Phone
 Email
 Pet(s) and kind(s)

Any person with specific needs.

HOUSEHOLD OR UNIT #13

Adult Name(s)
 Child Name(s)
 Best Phone
 Email
 Pet(s) and kind(s)

Any person with specific needs.

HOUSEHOLD OR UNIT #14

Adult Name(s)
 Child Name(s)
 Best Phone
 Email
 Pet(s) and kind(s)

Any person with specific needs.

* If you have more households or units than the space provided, write them on a separate page and staple to this booklet.

IN A DISASTER, YOUR MOST IMMEDIATE SOURCES OF HELP ARE THE NEIGHBORS LIVING AROUND YOU.

START BY IDENTIFYING YOUR "BLOCK".

For example, this could be defined as the closest 15-20 households on your block or just the other tenants in your apartment building.



IF YOU EVACUATE BEFORE A DISASTER TO A PREDETERMINED LOCATION, LET YOUR FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING, SO THEY WON'T WORRY AND CAN CONTACT YOU.

PRE-EVACUATION LOCATION & CONTACT INFORMATION:

8 STEPS

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING A DISASTER STEPS TO TAKE AT HOME

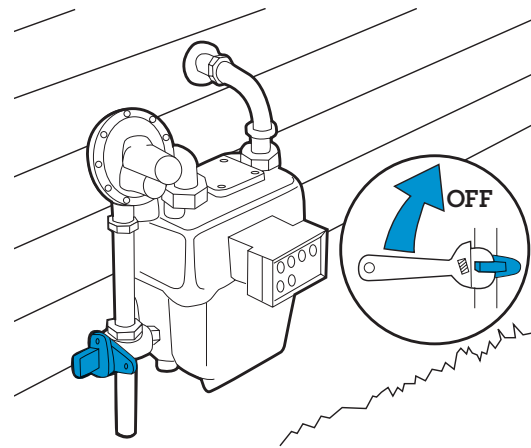
STEP 1 | Take care of your loved ones.

STEP 2 | Dress for safety. A bicycle helmet or hard hat protects from falling debris. Sturdy shoes protect from broken glass. Leather gloves protect from sharp objects.



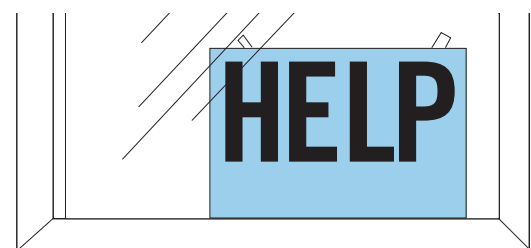
Keep these under your bed, in a bag, tied to your bedpost.

STEP 3 | Check the natural gas at your home. Shut it off if you smell gas or suspect a leak. This is one of the best ways to prevent fire.



STEP 4 | Shut off water at the house main to trap water in your home and to keep pollutants out of possible drinking water sources, like your water heater.

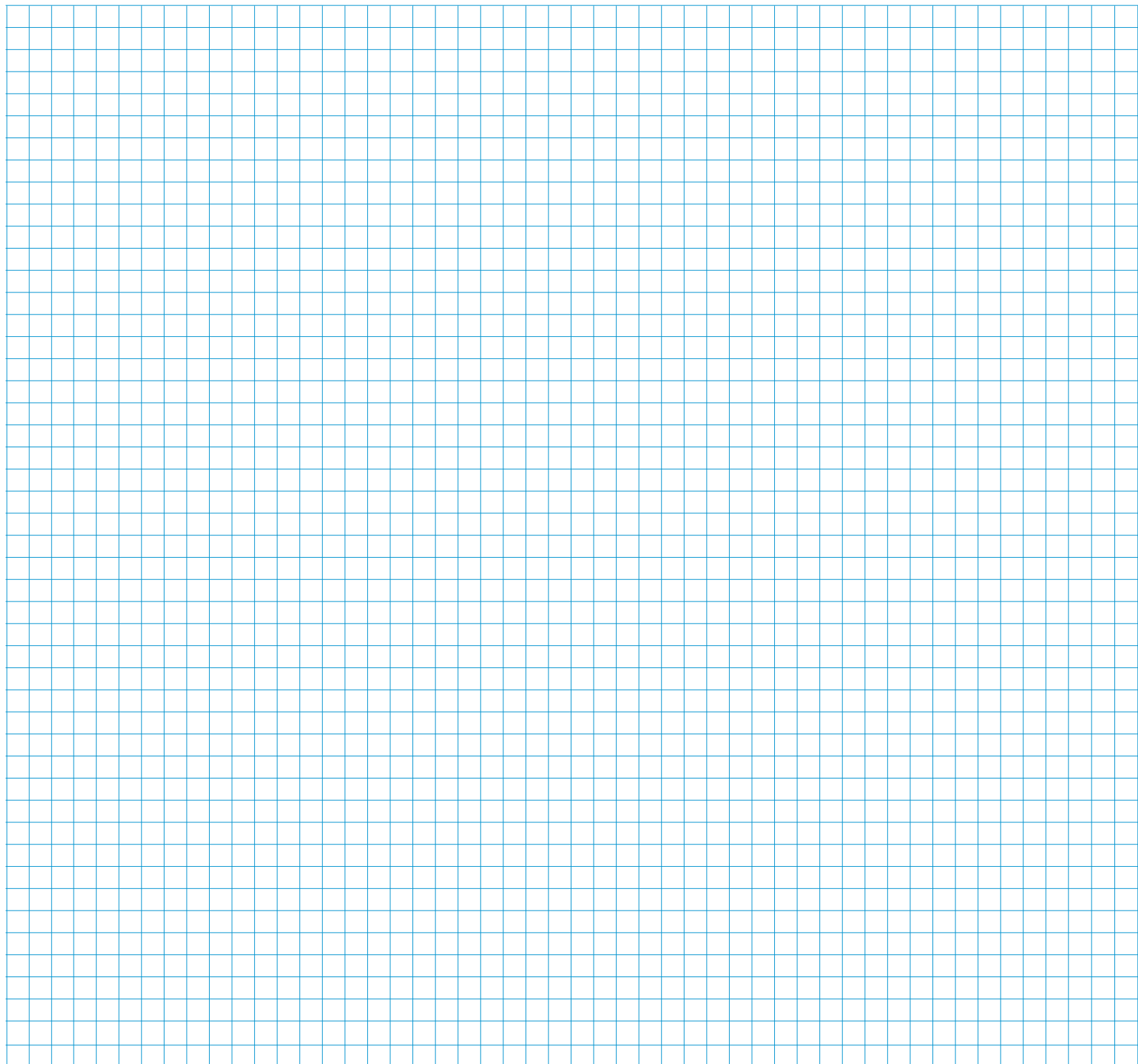
STEP 5 | Place the “Help” or “OK” card (see back page) on your front door or window. Posting the sign helps your neighbors locate those who need help first.



DRAW THE LAYOUT OF STREETS, BUILDINGS AND HOUSES OR APARTMENTS (SEE PREVIOUS “GUIDELINES FOR BLOCK MAPPING”). NUMBER BUILDING LOTS/APARTMENTS IN ORDER. MARK EXACT LOCATIONS OF GAS METERS.

A large grid of blue lines on a white background, intended for drawing a block map and marking gas meter locations.

YOUR BLOCK MAP



STEPS TO TAKE WITH NEIGHBORS

STEP 6 | After Steps 1-6 are completed, go to the Block Gathering Site. (The following page will help you choose this location.)

Write your Block Gathering Site location here.

STEP 7 | Form Teams at the Block Gathering Site:

TEAM 1 will listen to the Emergency Alert System (AM/FM radio), or to a NOAA Weather Radio and keep neighbors informed of what they learn.

TEAM 2 will check on neighbors who are elderly, those with a disability, or children who may be home alone.

TEAM 3 will check all natural gas meters and propane tanks, and shut off the gas as necessary. (This will require a wrench for shut off.)

TEAM 4 will check on all homes with the “Help” card displayed on the front door or window, or with no card showing. Be prepared to give first aid.



STEP 8 | After your Team has completed its work, go back to the Block Gathering Site. Share what you have done with the rest of your neighbors.



BLOCK GATHERING SITE & CARE CENTER



BLOCK GATHERING SITE

Come to the Block Gathering Site after you have completed steps 1-6 of “8 Steps Immediately Following Disaster.” Coming here will help you organize an effective block response, and reduce confusion. The gathering site can serve as your block’s central point for sharing information.

The Block Gathering Site should be in front of someone’s home, on a designated corner or in a nearby open space. It’s important that it be easily seen to remind everyone that they should come here.

Write your Block Gathering Site here (please also write this location in the box on the previous page):

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GATHER NEIGHBOR INFORMATION

- In the tinted box on the [Contact List](#), write names of those who may need extra help during disasters (neighbors who are elderly, those with a disability, and children who may be home alone at certain hours of the day).
- Match 1 on contact list with the house that you numbered “1,” match 2 with the lot that you numbered “2,” match 3 with “3,” match 4 with “4,” etc.

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IN THE NEXT 48 HOURS, COMPLETE THE CONTACT LIST AS SHOWN BELOW

In a situation where phone service is not interrupted, you can use this Contact List as a communications tree. Designating a Block Captain and Assistant will make your communications tree more effective. To share information about problems, alerts or block meetings, contact the Block Captain. If this person is unavailable, contact the resident listed at the top of your column.

HOUSEHOLD OR UNIT #5

Adult Name(s) *Stacy, Pat, Lynn*

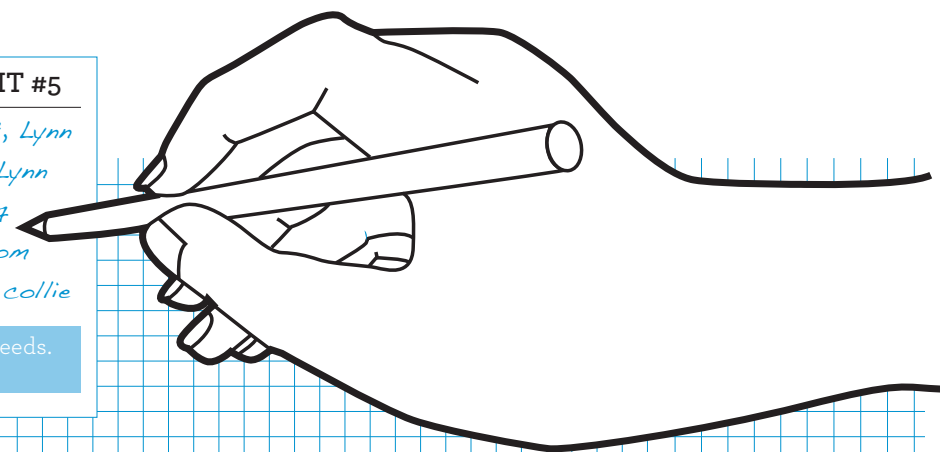
Children Names (s) *CJ & Lynn*

Best Phone *228-467-6497*

Email *Stacy@network.com*

Pet(s) and kind(s) *Spot, a collie*

Any person with specific needs.
Pat, Oxygen Tank



#3816 unit 3	G #3818 unit 4	#3820 unit 5	#3822 unit 6
<i>Scott Street</i>			
#3815 unit 9	#3817 unit 10	#3819 G unit 11	#3821 unit 12

GUIDELINES FOR BLOCK MAPPING

THESE GUIDELINES WILL HELP YOU SKETCH A BLOCK MAP

1 **SKETCH THE BASIC LAYOUT OF YOUR BLOCK**

Include streets, buildings and houses. Number each house on the map.

Note: Your block may include only your apartment building and your map may consist of the units within your building.

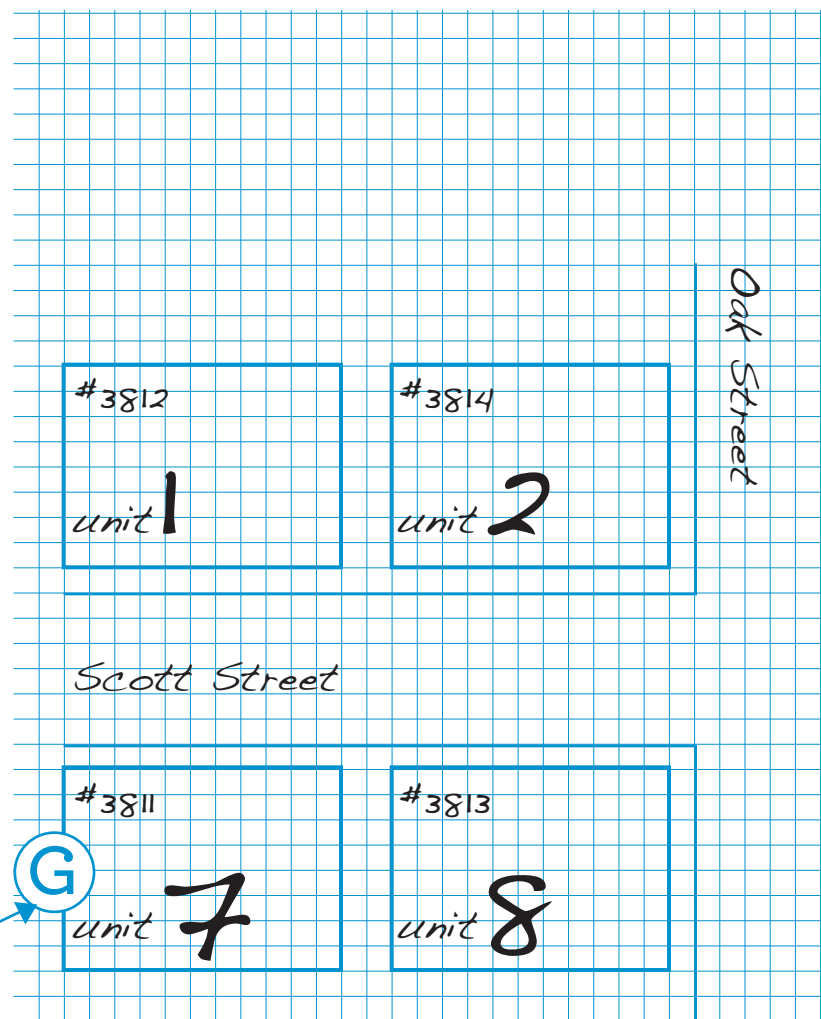
2 **NUMBER THE BUILDINGS IN ORDER**

This will allow you to easily match each house to the information on the Contact List (see steps no. 4 & 5).

3 **MARK THE EXACT LOCATION OF EACH NATURAL GAS METER**

Explain the location of your gas meter to your neighbors. For example, behind the lilac bush on the front corner of the house.

Suggestion: At the end of the meeting, actually walk your block and identify each meter. It is useful to see where each meter is located.



BLOCK CARE CENTER

A Block Care Center is a place where children, those who are elderly and those with a disability who need assistance can go so they are not alone. The Care Center can serve as a first aid site if needed. The location of the Block Care Center can be in someone's home or another safe building close to your block.

Write your Block Care Center location here.

BLOCK SKILLS & EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

WHO KNOWS WHAT? WHO HAS WHAT? WHO CAN DO WHAT?

SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE

FIRST AID SKILLS	PLUMBER SKILLS
CHILD CARE SKILLS	CARPENTER SKILLS
ELDER CARE SKILLS	ELECTRICIAN SKILLS
SEARCH AND RESCUE SKILLS	FIRE FIGHTING SKILLS
CRISIS COUNSELING SKILLS	ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS

EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES

FIRST AID SUPPLIES	WALKIE-TALKIE
TENT/SPARE BEDDING	NOAA WEATHER RADIO
CHAIN SAW	LADDER
GENERATOR	CROW BAR
FIRE EXTINGUISHER	STRONG ROPE
CAMP STOVE	BASIC TOOLS