

Emergency Preparedness Tip of the Week

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Would you need special help in an emergency or disaster? If you, someone you know or someone you help care for has a special need, that person should seriously consider applying to be in the Disaster Registry if:

- You or that person needs outside help to safely leave their home during a disaster;
- Be in jeopardy if you stayed in your home, without assistance for three days;
- Need special notification about the need for evacuation, due to impairment.

The Disaster Registry provides the names and locations of people who need special assistance to fire, police, and rescue workers during disasters. Being on the Disaster Registry does not guarantee that you will get help first in a disaster. There are so many needs during a disaster, that our firemen and police can't help everyone at once. However, if your name is in the Disaster Registry, emergency responders will know of your need for special assistance and the information will allow emergency personnel to prioritize their resources.

This service is free and available for anyone living in Jackson or Josephine County. The Disaster Registry is managed and frequently updated by the Rogue Valley Council of Governments. (RVCOG) Application forms are available at Shady Cove City Hall or you may also register on-line at www.rvcog.org and click on the "Disaster Registry" link.