



After a Disaster

Things You Should Know

The aftermath of a disaster can be one of the greatest challenges one might ever have to face. The recovery process is complex and takes a long time. Here are some tips that might prove to be helpful:

- Take photographs as evidence of any damage you find. Write reports of damage you have sustained and also keep copies of all communications you have with any assistance agencies, local authorities, etc.
- Begin clearing debris. Make sure you have a good supply of equipment to protect you when you begin the clean-up process.
- Non-governmental organizations, such as churches, will be helping those who need it. The American Red Cross will have mobile food distribution and financial aid for immediate needs.
- County, state and federal agencies will be setting up assistance centers. Find out if a disaster has been declared and if there is a local assistance center being developed in your area. Register for disaster assistance with FEMA and/or the Small Business Administration (SBA), if this is available.
- Don't remain isolated from others. Make sure you and your family find opportunities to talk to other people. This will help relieve the stress and may provide important information.

The following is a list of organizations who may help you after a disaster:

American Red Cross	.....1-800-HELP NOW (435-7669) English 1-800-257-7575 Spanish
America's Second Harvest	.....1-800-344-8070
Adventist Community Services	.....1-800-381-7171
B'nai B'rith International	.....1-888-388-4224
Catholic Charities, USA	.....1-800-919-9338
Christian Disaster Response	.....941-956-5183 or 941-551-9554
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee	.....1-800-848-5818
Church World Service	.....1-800-297-1516
Convoy of Hope	.....417-823-8998
Corp. for National & Community Svc Disaster Relief Fund	..202-606-6718
Feed the Children	.....1-800-525-7575
Lutheran Disaster Response	.....1-800-638-3522
Mennonite Disaster Service	.....717-859-2210
Nazarene Disaster Response	.....1-800-256-5886
Operation Blessing	.....1-800-436-6348
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	.....1-800-872-3283
Salvation Army	.....1-800-SAL-ARMY (725-2769)
Southern Baptist Convention-Disaster Relief	...1-800-462-8657 x6440
United Jewish Communities	.....1-877-277-2477
United Methodist Committee on Relief	.....1-800-554-8583

