

# Rochester Health Mart Pharmacy

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## **EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR THE HOME CARE PATIENT**

Rochester Health Mart Pharmacy would like to help you plan your actions in case there is a natural disaster where you live. Many areas of the United States are prone to natural disasters like hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and earthquakes.

Every patient receiving care or services in the home should think about what they would do in the event of an emergency. Our goal is to help you plan so that we can try to provide you with the best, most consistent service we can during the emergency.

### **1. Know What to Expect**

- a. If you have recently moved to this area, take the time to find out what types of natural emergencies have occurred in the past, and what types might be expected.
- b. Find out what, if any, time of year these emergencies are more prevalent.
- c. Find out when you should evacuate, and when you shouldn't.
- d. Your local Red Cross, local law enforcement agencies, local news and radio stations usually provide excellent information and tips for planning.

### **2. Know Where to Go**

- a. One of the most important pieces of information you should know is the location of the closest emergency shelter.
- b. These shelters are opened to the public during voluntary and mandatory evaluation times. They are usually the safest place for you to go, other than a friend or relative's home in an unaffected area.

### **3. Reaching Us if There Are No Phones**

- a. Cellular phones frequently work even when the regular land phone lines do not
- b. Our mobile number is 1(724)-494-7615

## **Helpful Tips**

- Get a cooler and ice or freezer gel-packs to transport your medication.
- Get all of your medication information and teaching modules together and take them with you if you evacuate.
- Pack one week's worth of supplies in a plastic-lined box or waterproof tote bag or tote box. Make sure the seal is watertight.
- Make sure to put antibacterial soap and paper towels into your supply kit.
- If possible, get waterless hand disinfectant from Rochester Health Mart Pharmacy or from a local store. It comes in very handy if you don't have running water.
- If you are going to a friend or relative's home during evacuation, leave their phone number and address with Rochester Health Mart Pharmacy and your home nursing agency.
- When you return to your home, contact your home nursing agency and Rochester Health Mart Pharmacy so we can visit and see what supplies you need.

## **For More information**

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There is much more to know about planning for and surviving during a natural emergency or disaster. Review the information form FEMA

[http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/emergency\\_planning.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/emergency_planning.shtm). The information includes:

- Get informed about hazards and emergencies that may affect you and your family.
- Develop an emergency plan.
- Collect and assemble disaster supplies kit , which should include:
- Three-day supply of non-perishable food.
- Three-day supply of water - one gallon of water per person, per day.
- Portable, battery-powered radio or television and extra batteries.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit and manual.
- Sanitation and hygiene items (moist towelettes and toilet paper).
- Matches and waterproof container.
- Whistle.
- Extra clothing.
- Kitchen accessories and cooking utensils, including a can opener.
- Photocopies of credit and identification cards.
- Cash and coins.
- Special needs items, such as prescription medications, eye glasses, contact lens solutions, and hearing aid batteries.
- Items for infants, such as formula, diapers, bottles, and pacifiers.
- Other items to meet your unique family needs.
- Learn where to seek shelter from all types of hazards.
- Identify the community warning systems and evacuation routes.
- Include in your plan required information from community and school plans.
- Learn what to do for specific hazards. · Practice and maintain your plan.

### **An Important Reminder!!**

*During any emergency situation, if you are unable to contact our pharmacy and you are in need of your prescribed medication, equipment or supplies, **you must go to the nearest emergency room or other treatment facility for treatment.***