

CAROLINE COUNTY DISASTER PLANNING

Special Needs Registry

The Special Needs Registry is for those individuals who are not in a nursing care facility or assisted living facility. It is for those who live by themselves or would require additional assistance during a disaster.

You will be asked to register/update your information annually. At the end of each year, prior information will be discarded and new updated information will be entered into the Special Needs Registry database. All information will remain confidential.

Should you have questions while completing your application, please contact the Caroline County Department of Emergency Services.

Disclaimer: The purpose of the Caroline County Special Needs Registry is to provide emergency responders in Caroline County with important information from citizens who may require assistance during a disaster situation, such as flood, power outage, hurricane, winter storms, hazardous material incident, etc. The information you are submitting is voluntary and does not guarantee or in anyway ensure that the individual completing this form will receive immediate or preferential treatment in an emergency. The information given will assist in providing the emergency response community in developing an effective response and **does not replace your responsibility to have an emergency plan.**

CAROLINE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES



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Special Needs Registry Application

(PLEASE PRINT)

New Application Application Update

_____		_____	
Date	Number of persons in household		
_____			_____
Last Name	First Name	MI	

Address			

_____		_____	_____
City		State	Zip

_____		_____	
Home Phone Number		Cell Phone Number	

Please detach and return to:

Caroline County Department of Emergency Services
Division of Emergency Planning
9391 Double Hills Road, Denton, MD 21629

The information included in this brochure is an effort by your local government to identify those in the community who are at an increased risk during a disaster. Its purposes are to provide you with information you may need in order to prepare for or respond to a disaster and to provide us with information to assist us in planning to help you and your family during a disaster.

If you or someone close to you has a disability or special need, this Special Needs Brochure will provide guidance with the steps to prepare you for a disaster.

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WHAT YOU SHOULD DO BEFORE A DISASTER STRIKES

ACTION CHECKLIST

- Have an updated wallet card with emergency contact information.
- List of medical information (doctors, medications, disabilities, equipment needed, etc.)
- Evaluate your capacities, limitations, needs and surroundings.
- Have at least a seven day supply of medications available.
- Choose an out-of-town contact that lives far enough out of the area they are unlikely to be affected by the same event.
- Identify two neighbors and agree to watch out for each other.
- Identify a pre-designated meeting place for family members should they become displaced and unable to contact each other.
- Develop an emergency contact list (schools, daycare, work places, etc.)
- Prepare a disaster preparedness kit.
- Have cash on hand
- Have evacuation plans in place. Where will I go if I need to evacuate? (Friends, Family, Hotel, Public Shelter?)
- Plan for my pet(s). Have I made plans for my pet(s)?
- What transportation will I need? Who can provide transportation for me?

FEMA'S DEFINITION OF SPECIAL NEEDS	
CODE	DEFINITION
VI	Visually Impaired – Blind or partially sighted
HI	Hearing Impaired – Unable to hear alert and warnings
MI	Mobility Impaired – Needing assistance to get to a shelter
SWP	Single Working Parent
NESP	Non-English Speaking Persons – Communication barriers
PWV	People without vehicles or people without a license to drive.
SDN	Special Dietary Needs – Adequate emergency food supply
MC	People with Medical Conditions – Location and availability of more than one facility if dependent on a dialysis machine or other life-sustaining equipment or treatment.
ID	People with Intellectual Disabilities – Needing assistance to get to a shelter.
D	People with Dementia – Should be registered in the Alzheimer's Association Safe Return Program.

List the name(s) of anyone living in this household who has a special need as defined above. Please indicate the type of special need by using the codes provided.

NAME	CODE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: