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DISASTER PREPERATION

Greene County Department of Social Services has created a Special Needs Registry for Greene County residents. The purpose of this registry is to identify individuals needing more help during a disaster due to physical or medical problems. Completion of the information form is voluntary. Individuals completing the form will be entered into a data base and contacted in the event of a disaster. The form is located on the Greene County Department of Social Services website under Special Needs Registry. Additionally, an individual's information will be periodically updated via telephone calls from DSS staff.

If a disaster threatens, public service announcements on radio and television will provide specific information. Remember: The disaster is in control and dictates the appropriate response. Some storms are wind, some water and all create high levels of anxiety. In addition, there is the possibility of a disaster unrelated to weather conditions.

Families are encouraged to discuss what might happen during a disaster and prepare for possible evacuation. Items to be paced inside a waterproof container include but are not limited to:

- Medications
- Special diet foods
- Medical information
- Personal identification
- Water
- Eye glasses
- Comfortable clothing and shoes
- Keys
- Important papers and telephone numbers
- Flashlight, radio, and batteries
- Hearing aid with extra batteries
- Any other needed items.

There are no guarantees that electric power and gasoline powered generators can be made available at any location. If disaster damage is severe enough to block or remove important structures (road, power poles, building, transformers, downed trees, damage roofs, etc.) your local power company may not be to get electricity to you for days or weeks. This information needs to be factored into your decision to evacuate. If you plan to evacuate, please add information about where you will be going on the Special Needs Registry Form so that we may check on your safety

Registration Forms may be obtained at the Department of Social Services located at 227 Kingold Boulevard in Snow Hill.