9 Steps — Immediately Following Disaster

AT HOME ...

Step 1. Take care of your loved ones.

Step 2. Protect your head, feet and hands. A bicycle helmet or hard hat protects from falling debris. Sturdy shoes protect from broken glass. Leather gloves protect from sharp objects.

Step 3. Check the natural gas or propane at your home.

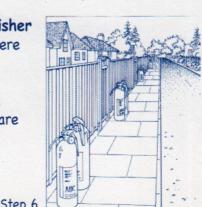
Shut off if necessary. This is one of the best ways to prevent fire.

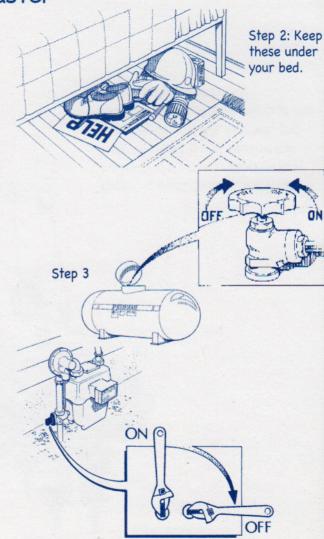
Step 4. Shut off water at the house main to trap water in your home and to keep pollutants out of possible drinking water, like that in your water heater.

Step 5. Place the Help or OK sign (see back page) on your front door or window. Posting the sign helps your neighbors locate those who need help first.

Step 6. Put your fire extinguisher on the sidewalk or where neighbors can see it.

This way, if a neighbor has a small fire after a disaster, extinguishers are immediately available.





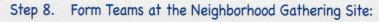
Turn the valve 1/4 turn to shut off the gas.

NEVER turn it back on once it has been turned off.

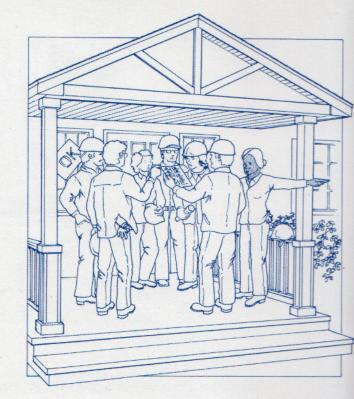
WITH NEIGHBORS ...

Step 7. After Steps 1-6 are completed, go to the Neighborhood Gathering Site. (The following page will help you choose this location.)

Write your Neighborhood Gathering Site location here:



- Team 1 will listen to the Emergency Alert System (AM/FM radio), or to a NOAA Weather Radio and keep neighbors informed of what they learn.
- Team 2 will check on neighbors who are elderly, those with disability, or children who may be home alone.



- Team 3 will check all natural gas meters and propane tanks, and shut off the gas as necessary.
- Team 4 will check on all homes with the "Help" card displayed on the front door or window, or with no card showing. Be prepared to give first aid. Trust your instincts. If something feels unsafe, stay out.

Step 9. After your Team has completed its work, go back to the Neighborhood Gathering Site. Share what you have done with the rest of your neighbors.