

# NEPP in St. Lucie County



**Lake Forest at St Lucie West**

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## THE FIVE MINUTE ESCAPE

The hurricane season is upon us. If you had to leave your home quickly in an emergency, would you know what valuables to take with you? What if there was some other kind of emergency? Would you know what to take? What if you had to leave your house in five minutes? Would you be able to find the items most important to you? What if you couldn't get back into your house? What do you need? The time to plan is now! Locate and store your escape items in such a way that you can retrieve them in five minutes.

### Papers:

- Official Documents
- Deeds
- Wills
- Bank Information
- Credit Card Information
- Car Titles
- Birth Certificates
- Social Security Cards
- Passports

### Personal Stuff:

- Things to get you through the day
- Medicine
- First Aid Kit
- Baby/Child Items (Leave a spare diaper bag packed for an emergency)
- Toiletries
- Change of clothing
- Eyeglasses, contact lens & solution
- Hearing Aids
- Cell Phone, Charger

### Suggestions:

1. Decide which items are your highest priorities.
2. Where are they located?
3. How are they stored?
4. Store essential papers in one place so that they can be transported easily.
5. Store essentials and valuables in a safety deposit box.
6. Prepare a 72 hour kit for each family member.
7. Post your Five Minute Plan in a special spot.
8. Review the plan with your family.
9. Assign roles to all family
10. Practice a Five Minute Escape with your family
11. Pray that you never have to use your plan
12. Sleep well

## INTERESTING TIDBITS

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury

The first novel ever written on a typewriter was Tom Sawyer

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work is Alaska

Would you be able to find the items most important to you?

Store essential papers in one place so that they can be transported easily

Practice a Five Minute Escape with your family

## SPECIAL NEEDS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANS

If you are a person with a disability, do you know what you'll do or where you'll go if you have to evacuate your home due to a natural or manmade disaster? If you decide that you probably could not evacuate your home without help, here are some suggestions about where to get that help.

Who are the "People with Special Needs?" People with special needs are those who will need help in evacuating their home during an emergency due to a disability or require transportation to a shelter.

Evacuation Orders are given well in advance of a life threatening emergency situation whenever possible. For example, an evacuation order would be given at a time that would permit clearance of high risk areas prior to the arrival of dangerous winds associated with a hurricane.

### Where Should People with Special Needs Go in Response to an Evacuation Order?

People who are disabled, like other residents in a community, have several choices of where to go when an evacuation order is given. These include:

- Leaving the area
  - Staying with a friend in a safe location
  - Going to a public shelter or a medical shelter
- Each of these choices require prior planning. If you decide to leave the area or stay with a friend, be sure you are on your way before traffic becomes congested. Public Shelters are operated by the Red Cross

and opened during emergency situations. Schools are typically used as public shelters due to their kitchen facilities and large common areas. You should be aware of shelter locations but never go to a shelter unless the Red Cross announces the opening of that location. If you have your own transportation, you do not need to register to use a public shelter. If you require transportation, you must register with St Lucie County Public Safety, 461 8201

Medical Needs Shelters are operated by the St Lucie County Department of Health with volunteers from other County Agencies. The intent of the Medical Needs Shelters is to provide, to the extent practical under emergency conditions, an environment in which the current level of health of evacuees with medical needs can be sustained.

To ensure that you meet eligibility requirements, you must request an application through the St Lucie County Public Safety Division of Emergency Management at 461 5201, to be eligible.

Should You Register? Yes, if you have no other place to go and need:

- Assistance with medication
  - Observation by a health professional
  - Electricity for life supporting medical equipment
  - Basic Nursing care
  - Oxygen therapy
  - Assistance to evacuate
- Bud Sommers, Chair, Emergency Readiness Committee

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## THE NEW NEPP PROGRAM Introducing the Community/Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP)

Lake Forest is one of two communities in Saint Lucie County to be selected to participate in the NEPP program. In the State of Florida, only eighteen other communities in nine counties have been selected. The reason we were selected was because of the hard work of our Zone leaders, Block Captains and the support of our Board of Directors in the last two years. The Florida Department of Health will be providing us with training and emergency preparedness supplies to help us with our program.

### Program Overview

The NEPP is responsible for organizing and educating communities/neighborhoods to increase their level of preparedness in handling all types of health related emergency incidents. The project is designed to engage and mobilize small neighborhood teams to help foster self-sufficiency at the residential level.

Community/neighborhood teams are prepared to collaborate strategically in planning, communicating, sharing information, and coordinating activities before, during, and after a biological, natural, or man-made emergency. NEPP utilizes personal and community empowerment strategies to mitigate the massive surge on medical resources and keep thousands of automobiles and residents off the roads in a disaster situation.

### Vision

Florida communities and neighborhoods will be prepared, self-sufficient and resilient to all hazards.

### Program Goals and Objectives

- Increase individual and neighborhood emergency preparedness
- Teach communities how to organize into Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Program Teams structured to provide the flexibility and depth to respond to a variety of circumstances.
- Provide training opportunities in team leadership, communications and damage assessment.
- Provide training opportunities in first aid, home care and emergency preparedness.
- Organize special projects and events to promote and strengthen community partnerships with groups such as American Red Cross, Community Emergency Response Teams, and the Medical Reserve Corps.

## MORE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continuously from the bottom of the glass to the top. The 'spot' on 7-UP comes from its inventor, who had red eyes. He was albino

Orcas (killer whales) kill sharks by torpedoing up into the shark's stomach from underneath, causing the shark to explode

Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants



Florida Department of Health  
Office of Public Health Nursing

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