



City of Berkeley Free Community Emergency Supply (Cache) Program FAQ



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1) What is the Community Emergency Supply Program?

- 1) Through a combination of Measure GG and grant funding, the City of Berkeley provides qualified neighborhood groups with a FREE cache of emergency supplies including a storage shed, generator, and much more.

2) What qualifies a neighborhood group for the Free Community Emergency Supply Program?

- 1) Your group has been organized for at least three years or demonstrate group organization and sustainability;
- 2) Your group has satisfied at least **six of the nine** steps of becoming a disaster resistant neighborhood;
- 3) Your group has at least **eight people** trained and formed into Disaster Medical Operations, Fire Safety, and Light Search and Rescue teams.

3) What are the nine steps of becoming a disaster resistant neighborhood?

- 1) Set a regular meeting date, time and place.
- 2) Identify at least one group coordinator
- 3) Develop a Group Communication Plan
- 4) Develop Response Teams with Team Leaders and take City provided CERT classes
- 5) Identify an assembly point:
- 6) Conduct group/building hazard assessment tour
- 7) Identify gas, electric, water shut off valves
- 8) Special Needs Check in
- 9) Supplies and Materials Stored

4) What defines the boundaries for a “disaster prepared” group or neighborhood?

- 1) Groups define their own boundaries. It can be a one block neighborhood, along with adjoining neighborhoods, an apartment building, or houses close enough so people get to know one another and feel comfortable sharing basic information.

5) What about those households who don’t get involved?

- 1) It’s rare that there’s 100% involvement. Groups of even 10 members can make a difference and provide leadership to the rest of the neighborhood.

6) How do we get more information and sign up for Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes?

- 1) You can find sign up instructions and the schedule of classes on the OES website at <http://www.cityofberkeley.info/oes> or call (510) 981-5605.
- 2) More information on the “cache” program can be found on the Community Emergency Supply Program Application which can be downloaded at: <http://www.cityofberkeley.info/oes>.

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