

VILLAGE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE REGISTRY (VEAR)

To Aid First Responders In Offering Assistance



For People With Disabilities Or Special Needs Voluntary Self-Identification Registration Form

The Village of Ruidoso has created a Voluntary Registry for individuals who may need assistance in an emergency.

Emergency Assistance Registry

The Village Emergency Assistance Registry (VEAR) is a free registry that provides local emergency planners and emergency responders with information on the needs of their community. Individuals who have disabilities, limited mobility, or are considered medically fragile are asked to sign up for this registry.

“We can best support those who are vulnerable if we know in advance where they are and what resources they may need during an emergency or disaster,” states Eric Queller, Emergency Manager for the Village of Ruidoso.

An online form utilizes the Village’s ArcGIS platform to gather data and plot it on a community map that can be used for planning and emergency response purposes.

Registering in the VEAR program DOES NOT guarantee receipt of a specific service during an emergency. This is to better inform the Village of the constantly evolving needs of the community during periods of disaster.

Who should register?

- People with disabilities.
- People who are medically fragile.
- People with access and functional needs such as:
 1. Limited mobility
 2. Communication barriers
 3. Medical assistance during an emergency event.
- People who require transportation assistance.
- People who require personal care assistance.

How to Register

- Register online at www.ruidoso-nm.gov/vear
- Dial 575-257-3473 or 2-1-1
- Residents can also fill out a hard copy by printing it off the website or stopping by Village Hall, Ruidoso Fire Department Station One, or the Ruidoso Community Center.

Be Ready to Respond

The citizens of Lincoln County have seen their fair share of disasters including wildfires, floods, severe wind, winter storms, freezes, and public health emergencies, but they have successfully faced these challenges because they have been prepared.

Emergencies, whether big or small, can disrupt lives in an instant. Taking time now to prepare will make all the difference when time comes for personal response and recovery.

1. Build a Family Emergency Plan.

Begin by developing a comprehensive family emergency plan. Identify evacuation routes, emergency contacts, and meeting points. Make sure every family member understands the plan and practices it regularly. Consider special needs and requirements for children, pets, and elderly family members.

2. The Art of Crafting the Perfect Emergency Kit.

Assemble a well-stocked emergency kit that can sustain a family for at least 72 hours. Include essentials such as non-perishable foods, water, medications, first aid supplies, flashlights, batteries, a multi-tool, and important documents (identification, insurance papers, etc.) Regularly check and update the kit to ensure everything is in working order.

3. The Power of Staying Informed.

Be aware in order to respond and protect. Stay informed about potential risks. Sign-up for local emergency alerts and notifications and stay tuned to weather forecasts. Know emergency protocols and evacuation routes in the area.

4. Financial Peace of Mind.

In case of an emergency, access to cash may be limited. Keep a small amount of cash in an emergency kit and maintain a separate emergency fund at the bank. Ensure important documents like insurance policies, wills, and financial records are stored securely.

5. Become Community-Ready.

Getting involved in local emergency preparedness initiatives will help to connect with others who share the same commitment. By attending preparedness workshops, or even just checking in on neighbors, you can create an invaluable support network during emergencies.

It’s not just about being ready for the worst; it’s about embracing the power that preparedness brings. Each step from planning to practice will help to weave a resilient fabric of protection. Remember, that preparedness today can make all the difference in the face of tomorrows uncertainties.