



Grafton Taylor County Health Department

Taylor County Vulnerable Population Survey

Please consider yourself cordially invited to participate in the Vulnerable Population Survey for Taylor County, WV. This is open to any Taylor County Citizen who feel they may be more impacted by a disaster or emergency than others in the community.

The intent of this survey is to provide emergency responders and threat preparedness coordinators within Taylor County information about who may need additional assistance during an emergency event.

Emergency events to consider include but are not limited to flood, fire, pandemic, blizzards, terrorist events. When answering this survey please consider if you or your loved ones would be able to seek shelter, evacuate, or receive necessary or lifesaving medications or treatment in these situations without assistance. If they would not, please complete this survey to the best of your ability.

Participation in this survey is entirely voluntary. This information will not be made available to the public. It will be utilized within Taylor County by the Grafton Taylor County Health Department and Office of Emergency Management during emergencies and as necessary to keep counts as required by the State of West Virginia. Personal information will not be released beyond what is necessary to provide care to you or your loved ones.

If you answer "Yes" to any of the "Risk Factors for Vulnerable Populations" questions, please take time to complete all of this survey. If you need assistance or would like to request a paper copy of this survey, call (304)265-1288 and ask to speak to someone in reference to this survey. We will be happy to assist you. Your answers will help us serve and protect you and we appreciate your time and attention to this.

If you are filling this out as a paper form please return the completed document to the Grafton Taylor County Health Department at 718 West Main Street Grafton, WV 26354. This survey can be filled out online at:

Address: 718 West Main Street Grafton WV
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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Information (Name, Number, Relationship): _____

Risk Factors for Vulnerable Populations			
Factor	Yes	No	Unsure

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Do you have cognitive, social, or behavioral difficulties that would make coping with disasters or emergencies difficult enough that you would need assistance?			
Do you have limited mobility (i.e.. need a walker, wheel, chair, or other aid to get around)?			
Do you require oxygen or other life sustaining equipment?			
Do you utilize prosthetics to assist with your day-to-day mobility?			
Do you have a vision or hearing impairment that requires your dependence on hearing aids, service animals, or other equipment/aids to help you in your day-to-day routine?			
Would you need access to safe, reliable transportation in order to evacuate during an emergency like flooding, fire, or blizzard?			
Do you feel unsafe living your current residence during storms and severe weather?			
If you were without power for an extended period of time would you be at an elevated risk of health emergency (i.e.. heat stroke, frostbite, infection)?			
Would you have a difficult time (no family or financial means) finding a place to stay if your home was destroyed?			

Descriptions of Needs

Please take a moment to describe what is necessary in order to facilitate assisting you in times of emergency or crisis. These are listed in the same order as the yes or no survey above. If you answered "Yes" to Mobility, then adding a description to that section below would be helpful. For instance: " I need a wheelchair to get around and there are steps leading out of my house." If you answered "No" to Mobility, then you can either put "N/A" or leave the question blank.

1. Cognitive, Social, Behavioral Difficulties: (This is a wide range of issues including memory difficulties, mental illness, behavioral disorder, or any difficulty that makes coping with emergencies or disasters more difficult than someone without the same issue) Describe what assistance you would require to safely navigate the circumstances of an emergency or disaster.

2. Mobility: Please describe your limitations with mobility and tell us how we can help assure that you make it to safety in times of emergency.

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3. Medical Devices and Regimens: Please describe any life sustaining equipment or medications that you require on the day to day that you may need in times of crisis or emergency.

4. Prosthetics or Aids: Describe what prosthetics you need and how you would be impacted if they were lost, damaged, or stolen. What would you need to help address issues created by this circumstance?

5. Sight or Hearing Impairment: Describe what aids you use to help with your day-to-day routine. How can we help you replace them if they are missing? If you have a service animal, what do you need for them in terms of food and shelter?

6. Transportation: Describe how many individuals and animals would need to be evacuated in case of emergency and what type of transportation would be needed to safely get to and from where you are.
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7. Safe Housing: Describe your concerns about your housing situation and what actions you take during severe weather to help mitigate those issues. Would you be willing to evacuate if conditions were severe and if not why?

8. Power Outage Risks: Please describe how long you could be without power in severe hot or cold weather before you would need to relocate. If you have a generator how long could you run it, what does it keep running for you, would you require gasoline, and would you be able to keep it running for more than 24 hours?

Rehousing

Resilient communities bounce back after disasters. One measure of this is how quickly lives can get back to normal. That includes establishing safe housing for those displaced during disasters. This section focuses on questions related to having a safe place to stay before, during, and after disasters. If you answered "Yes" to the question, "Would you have a difficult time (no family or financial means) finding a place to stay if your home was destroyed?" please take time to respond to this section.

1. Do you have insurance that would cover the cost of repair or rebuilding if affected by a disaster?
- Yes
 - No

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- c. Unsure
2. Would you need help finding a place to live if you were displaced due to damage to your home?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Unsure
3. How many people would need relocated and could they be housed in multiple locations or would they need to be housed as one family unit?

Rehousing Resilience						
	1 to 6 Days	1 to 3 Weeks	1 month	2 months	3 to 6 months	6 months to 1 Year
If you were dislocated due to a disaster how long would you be able to pay for alternate housing (hotel/ rental)?						
How long would it take you to find suitable housing if you were displaced?						
How long would you try to find housing in Taylor County before you looked elsewhere?						

General Preparedness Questions

This section is about your overall threat preparedness. How ready and capable are you to handle an emergency for an extended period of time? The questions below cover some basic starting points. If you are unsure of a "Yes" answer, please put "No".

1. Do you have enough food in your home to last 72 hours (3 days) without power or access to a grocery store?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
2. Do you have access to safe drinkable water if the power is out?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
3. Do you have a generator that turns on automatically if the power goes out?

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- a. Yes
- b. No
- 4. If you were given 30 minutes to evacuate, would you be able to gather enough food, clothing, and other supplies to be evacuated from your home for 3 days?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
- 5. Do you have a plan on how to contact loved ones if you become separated during an emergency?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

Thank You!

Your safety and wellbeing are important to us. Thank you for taking the time to help us understand your needs to better serve you. Emergencies are never easy but if we all take time to prepare, we can get through them better.