

City of Lehi

Community Emergency Plan



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When a disaster strikes, it will take an all-hands approach to respond and recover. Lehi City is dedicated to the safety of its residents. Saving lives, incident stabilization, alleviating suffering, and the preservation of property are the goals for any emergency and/or large-scale disaster in Lehi. Lehi City is committed to establishing partnerships and building networks with all community affiliates. These relationships will enhance the City's ability to serve our citizens during these difficult times that may arise.

Lehi City works for and respects all individuals, regardless of faith. However, Lehi recognizes and uses the Cert division boundaries, which divide Lehi into 5 geographical areas as the simplest and most effective in dividing the city into manageable areas for emergency management purposes. It should be clear that Lehi City is choosing to work with the Church of Jesus Christ Emergency Preparedness Stake lay leadership representatives of each area. It is expected that the Stake representatives work in good measure to represent all residents living in their geographic area, regardless of religious affiliation.

The following is a basic outline of recommended procedures to be done before a major, widespread disaster:

Families should prepare in advance to be without normal services such as electricity, natural gas, running water, and regular phone communication for several days or even weeks. Food and water should be stored along with adequate clothing and bedding, and thought should be given to various scenarios that may call for rapid evacuation, sheltering-in-place, or extended camping out-of-doors. Reliable information on emergency preparedness can be found at BeReadyUtah.gov.

Lehi citizens need to be able to be responsible for themselves and for their families. Residents should:

1. **Make a plan that considers:** Contacts, escape routes, meeting places, children, fire safety, first aid, pets, and any access or functional needs that are required. Refer to the Lehi City Preparedness Manual [here](#).
2. **Get a kit that contains:** Emergency supplies including water, food, clothing needed to maintain body temperature and provide against the elements, medications, first aid items, pet supplies, cash, etc. Refer to the Be Ready Utah website for More information on Kits [HERE](#)
3. **Be informed by:** Understanding hazards in your area and learning skills such as first aid, ham radio, and/or taking a [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\) training](#);
4. **Get connected by:** Signing up for emergency information from the City through [Lehi City Alerts](#), connecting with neighbors, and meeting your local block captain.

The following is a basic outline of recommended procedures to be done during/after a major, widespread emergency or disaster:

In the event of a large-scale emergency or disaster, emergency services will be overwhelmed with the number of emergencies that they will be dealing with. Emergency services will prioritize and attend to emergencies as best as they can, and will utilize mutual aid from nearby cities, Utah County, and the State, if available. The reality of a large-scale emergency is some individual emergencies will not be addressed by professional responders right away and may have delays of hours, days, and possibly even longer. Lehi citizens should prepare to be self-sustaining and able to address issues without the assistance of professional responders, as much as possible, before a disaster strikes. The following steps should be taken in such a situation:

1. In all emergencies, citizens first steady themselves, safeguard their families (or co-workers), and secure their homes;
2. After family members are accounted for, residents should begin checking on their neighbors, if possible. Most areas of the city have active block captain programs. In these areas, check in with your block captain and assist with accounting for neighbors;
3. If needed, Lehi City will activate the Block Captain program.. If the Block Captain program is activated, then Lehi City will look to the Block Captains, Neighborhood Leaders, Area Leaders, and Communications Specialists to account for the residents of the City and report any major problems to Lehi City, through the appropriate channels.
4. After securing your family, your neighbors (if needed), and checking in with your block captain, residents with learned skills such as CERT members, medically trained personnel, and/or ham radio operators should report to their Neighborhood Leader (if you don't know who your Neighborhood Leader is, check with your Block Captain) or be willing to volunteer at the City through the Volunteer Reception Center (VRC). Information on the VRC and other important information will be sent out to the residents through the [Lehi City Alerts](#) messaging system, social media, and other traditional lines of communication that are available;
5. Monitor emergency bulletins and information;
 - a. Our Emergency Alert System partners: KSL 1160 AM & 102.7 FM and BYU FM 89.1 or 89.5.
 - b. Lehi Social Media sites: Lehi Police Department, Lehi Fire Department, Lehi City Management, and Lehi Emergency Management.
 - c. Lehi will use our Emergency Alerts system to send out information to the public. Citizens are encouraged to opt-in by going to [Lehi City Alerts](#).
6. Overnight shelters, feeding stations, points of distribution, etc. will be established as needed and information will be disseminated through the channels listed above;
7. If possible, families should stay in their homes where resources are. If evacuation becomes necessary, instructions will be broadcast on emergency channels and through all of the above listed channels.

The following are the basic tenants of the plan that connects Lehi City and the representatives of each area of the city:

1. Communications

- A. Regular, tested, and integrated communications between Lehi City Areas and Lehi City and between Lehi City;
 - a. Cell phones and landlines will be used if they are available;
 - b. Ham radio will be the primary means of communication, if phones are down;
 - c. Runners will be used as a last-case resort, but will be practiced on a regular basis;
- B. Established communications channels open between Area Leadership and Lehi City Emergency Management;

2. Common Operating Picture

- A. Area leadership will lead the effort to discover and document the situation within the geographical area for which they are responsible, by:
 - a. Accounting for all people under the following categories
 - i. Accounted for (present or missing but accounted for)
 - ii. Unaccounted for (Missing, no known location)
 - b. Documenting injuries, needs, or other “issues” that are overwhelming or for which additional assistance may be needed
 - c. Noting damage to critical infrastructure (roads, hospitals, schools, power, etc.)
 - d. Noting damage to homes, buildings, and other hazardous conditions

- B. Lehi City will use the information generated by the Areas, as well as other methods, in requesting resources and to help to prioritize response operations to do the most good for Lehi City as quickly as possible. .

3. All-Hands Approach

- A. All partners will do their best to address issues according to their abilities and scope.
- B. When abilities are exceeded and any partner is overwhelmed, all other partners will do their best to fill the gaps.
- C. Detailed records will be kept documenting volunteer work done, number of hours worked, special training, goods or equipment donated, and any other information deemed important and/or appropriate at the time..

For more information visit:

[Lehi City Emergency Management](#)

[Lehi City Emergency Alerts](#)

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