

LEARNING TO THINK LIKE A DISASTER COMMITTEE APRIL 2018

In this installment, we want you to know how "the pros" think about disasters.
There are four phases.

THE CYCLE OF DISASTER

Mitigation

*Preventing future
emergencies or
minimizing their effects*

Includes any activities that prevent an emergency, reduce the chance of an emergency happening, or reduce the damaging effects of unavoidable emergencies.

Buying flood and fire insurance for your home is a mitigation activity.

Mitigation activities take place before and after emergencies.

Preparation

*Preparing to handle an
emergency*

Includes plans or preparations made to save lives and to help response and rescue operations.

Evacuation plans and stocking food and water are both examples of preparedness.

Preparedness activities take place before an emergency occurs.

Response

*Responding safely to an
emergency*

Includes actions taken to save lives and prevent further property damage in an emergency situation. Response is putting your preparedness plans into action.

Seeking shelter from a tornado or turning off gas valves in an earthquake are both response activities.

Response activities take place during an emergency.

Recovery

*Recovering from an
emergency*

Includes actions taken to return to a normal or an even safer situation following an emergency.

Recovery includes getting financial assistance to help pay for the repairs.

Recovery activities take place after an emergency.

We're Always Here to Answer Questions and Hear Concerns!

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