



INTRODUCING:

The Native Family Disaster Preparedness Handbook

CREATING RESILIENT NATIVE AMERICAN AND ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES



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Introduction

Preparedness Matters and the **National Tribal Emergency Management Council** recognize the need for Native community resilience in disasters. In our continuing effort to provide Tribal communities with access to culturally relevant information about how to prepare for natural and human-caused emergencies, we collaborated to develop the **Native Family Disaster Preparedness Handbook**. This first-of-its-kind publication was created to address disparities in emergency preparedness in Indian Country, where many families have limited access to internet and other means of obtaining preparedness tools.

The 66-page full color Handbook provides communities important information about disaster risks, the Tribal disaster process, Native community emergency resources, and practical steps on how to prepare for all-hazards emergencies.



“The need for preparedness in our communities has never been more urgent. Our intent is to reduce unnecessary injuries and fatalities, and improve Tribal resiliency. The Native Family Disaster Preparedness Handbook is an important step toward that goal.”

Lynda Zambrano

Executive Director-National Tribal Emergency Management Council.

The Native Family Disaster Preparedness Handbook will enhance our efforts to foster a new culture of preparedness for Tribal families. Your support will help to advance this work by providing handbooks to Tribal residents.

Please take a moment to review the enclosed information and contact us with any questions. Thank you for your time and support. We look forward to working with you to prepare Native communities.

Sincerely,

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why was the Handbook created?

A: Many Tribal families live in remote rural communities where access to electronic media, response resources, and preparedness information is limited. With growing number of floods, wildfires, tornadoes, earthquakes, and other natural catastrophes, and the ever-present threat of human-caused contamination of Tribal lands, family preparedness is a main concern for Tribal communities.

Q: Who created the Handbook?

A: The handbook was created as a collaborative project with Preparedness Matters, Native Public Media, National Tribal Emergency Management Council (NTEMC), Tribal Print Source, and other Native stakeholders.

Q: Why do Native communities need the Handbook?

A: Less than ten percent of homes on Tribal lands have broadband internet service — a rate that is lower than in some developing countries. Because the vast majority of preparedness data resides on the internet, the handbook is an important source of disaster information for Indian Country families.

Q: Who should use the Handbook?

- Individuals & Families
- Emergency Managers and Tribal Leaders
- Community Emergency Response Teams (C.E.R.T)
- Youth & Schools
- Native Public Health
- Disaster Relief Organizations
- Tribal Housing Authorities



Q: What's in the Handbook?

A: The 66–page full color handbook is a culturally relevant primer with information about local risks, Tribal disaster procedures, and tips on preparing for all-hazards evacuation, shelter-in-place, and recovery. It also contains a quick fillable guide for household family planning.

Q: How much does the handbook cost and where can I obtain it?

A: The handbook retails for \$7.50 per copy. Special quantity discount pricing is available for all Tribal organizations and sponsors. The handbook is available for order today through the thenativefamilydisasterhandbook.com website, or contact us directly at 760-916-4328.

Q: How will my community benefit by purchasing the handbook?

A: A portion of the proceeds from the handbook will be donated by the publisher to support the work of Tribal organizations through NTEMC. In the future, stakeholders also plan to seek grants, sponsorships, and donations to provide handbooks at no cost to Tribal communities.

Q: Can I customize the handbook to include my Tribal or sponsor information?

A: The handbook can be completely customized to add Tribal logos, local emergency contact info, and other Tribe specific and sponsor information. (Additional fees for customized books will apply, please contact us for a quote).

