

PROVIDENT LIVING PLAN FOR FAMILY ORGANIZATIONS

Primary group members: extended family members living in close proximity

Secondary group members: all other family members

Purposes:

- To care for and help each other
- To share equipment
- To share skills
- To teach each other provident living skills
- To provide opportunities for group orders
- To provide opportunities for co-op gardening
- To provide opportunities for co-op canning

1. Divide the family members into manageable groups and assign each group a captain or leader.
2. Determine frequency of family meetings and group leader meetings.
3. Consider the most likely emergencies and provident living needs to affect your family.
4. Decide what information should be gathered by each group leader about his/her group members before, during, and after an emergency.
5. Compile a resource list of:
 - 1) equipment that can be used in an emergency and for provident living
 - 2) provident living skills in the family that can be used and shared with each other
 - 3) living storage at each home
 - 4) home storage at each home
6. Determine which homes are most likely to be affected by manmade or natural disasters.
7. Determine which homes are most likely to be needed for housing during flooding, pandemic or extended illness, and/or during other disasters.
8. Determine a central gathering place in case of evacuation.
9. Determine a common out-of-state contact.
10. Develop a communications plan and chain of command with alternate plans, if telephones are not working, whereby each group leader is assigned someone to report to.
11. Assign one person to receive all reports and communicate needs back to family group leaders.
12. Consider the skills family members should know. Make plans to teach them.
13. Discuss the necessity for an account to finance group purchases or rental of equipment and purchase of seeds and other supplies. Discuss how contributions should be made.
14. Review all plans with all family members BEFORE finalizing the plan. Family members may have valuable suggestions and bring attention to items that may have been overlooked.
15. Review the plan with family members each year making revisions where needed.