CAREGIVERS AND DISASTER PLANNING: IT'S ALL ABOUT DETAILS

ATTENTION TO DETAIL
Caregivers must consider a wider range of needs or details to ensure the safety or well being of those they protect.

SUPPORT NETWORK
This can include relatives, neighbors, volunteers, or staff. The support network should check to see if their assistance is needed and should be available to provide help before or after a disaster.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
Develop a list of needs such as special equipment, special foods, equipment for personal care, communications equipment, backup for electricity-dependent equipment, medicine or prescriptions for a minimum of two weeks, and mobility aids.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE
Look into local special assistance programs:
- Register with the local fire or police department, or local emergency management office so needed help can be provided quickly in an emergency
- Find out which shelters can accommodate special medical needs

Use the following link for more in-depth information and additional resources from FEMA:

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