



# Borough of Oakland, New Jersey

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Dear Oakland Resident:

As you may already be aware, Oakland's Disaster Preparedness Plan requires the assessment of the town's special needs. The purpose of the assessment is to be better able to provide information to emergency response agencies so emergency responders can better plan to serve you should a disaster or other emergency occur.

Attached is a copy of the Special Needs Survey. **The information collected in the survey is confidential and will not be available to the public. The information will be held securely and only used for emergency response and planning.** Please be as complete as possible in your responses. If you need assistance completing the survey, please contact the Oakland Health Department at (201) 337-9254. Since needs change, a copy of the survey is available on the Borough's website for you to download and update, as necessary.

Why should you complete the survey? To be notified by local officials when an evacuation has been ordered and, more importantly, IT MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE!

We also wish to remind you that the first line of defense against the effects of any disaster is personal preparedness. During an emergency, the government and other agencies may not be able to meet your needs. It is important for all citizens to make their own emergency plans and prepare for their own care and safety in an emergency.

Please take the time to see how you and your family can prepare for a disaster. We encourage you to stop by Borough Hall for a brochure entitled, "PREPAREDNESS for Home and Family in Bergen County" or to go to [www.bergenhealth.org](http://www.bergenhealth.org) where the brochure is available in English and in Spanish. Click on "Emergency Preparedness" on the left side of the screen. You will find the link for the brochure on the right side of the screen along with another brochure entitled, "Ready Together New Jersey, A Public Health Guide to Emergency Planning."

We thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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