



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR OREGON'S KIDNEY COMMUNITY

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THE NORTHWEST KIDNEY COUNCIL

Founded in 2019 as a coalition of:



Patient advocates



Health care professionals



Care providers



Researchers

We are committed to shaping smart policy for individuals battling kidney disease in Oregon and Washington.

OUR PARTNERS



BY THE NUMBERS

Chronic Kidney Disease in Oregon

Sources: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network; United States Renal Data System; and U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services



793

Oregonians
waiting for a
kidney transplant



76

kidney care
facilities in the
state



250

licensed
nephrologists in
the state



7,353

Oregonians living
with End Stage
Renal Disease

WHY PREPAREDNESS MATTERS

Missing one dialysis treatment can **double the risk** of serious health complications and death in the 30 days following.


Patients receive 12 hours of blood-cleaning dialysis per week, compared to 168 hours for people with healthy kidneys. **Every minute counts.**



PREPARING FOR NATURAL DISASTERS

If you have **kidney disease**...

- Carry a card in your wallet with your dialysis care team contact and treatment information
- Answer your phone
- Update your emergency contact information
- Have an emergency diet plan of at least three days
- Talk to your provider about back-up plan if facility closes
- Contact your utility



DIALYSIS AFTER DISASTER

Whether it be wildfire, earthquake, or severe snow storm, the kidney community in the Pacific Northwest faces frequent risk of treatment interruptions due to natural disasters.

Always...

- ✓ Carry a card in your wallet with the address of your dialysis treatment facility and the names of any prescriptions you are taking.
- ✓ Answer your phone after a natural disaster occurs. It is likely someone trying to help you.
- ✓ Ensure your emergency contact information is up to date and filed at your dialysis treatment center.
- ✓ Have a three day emergency diet plan and stock up on nonperishable items that align with your treatment.
- ✓ Talk to your provider team about their back up plan if the facility is forced to close.

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WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

Contact your municipality or your local utility company and let them know your home should be a priority for power restoration due to a resident on dialysis.

AND....

Talk to your state legislator about:

- A statewide emergency preparedness plan and recovery resources for disabled residents;
- Direction from the state to utility companies to prioritize dialysis centers for power restoration following an event; and
- Allowing ambulances to take noncritical patients to dialysis centers rather than a hospital.


ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

USEFUL HOTLINES	INFORMATION + SOURCES	
DaVita: (800) 400-8331 Presolite: (800) 665-2297 Dialysis Clinic Inc. (866) 427-7590 American Renal Associates: (800) 850-7827	Satellite Healthcare: (800) 396-2212 SAAHSA National Helpline: (800) 985-5490 US Renal Care: (866) 677-8772 VA Disaster Relief Hotline: (800) 537-4571	Kidney Community Emergency Response: 408-280-3333 Federal Emergency Management Agency: 202-646-6000 National Kidney Foundation: 800-922-6228 WA Emergency Management Division: 206-462-3000 Oregon Office of Emergency Management: 503-251-1000

PREPARING FOR NATURAL DISASTERS

If you are a **provider...**

- CMS conditions of coverage require emergency disaster response plans for all health care entities
 - Know your facility's back-up plan if closure happens
- Ask patients to regularly update emergency contact information
- Assist patients with emergency diet plan development
- Contact utility



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LEGISLATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

- Ensure dialysis perspectives are included within statewide emergency preparedness plans (DEMAC)
- Advocate for prioritization of dialysis centers and home dialysis patients for power restoration with utilities
- Allow ambulances to take noncritical dialysis patients to treatment centers instead of hospitals

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU

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