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The City of Burleson's Emergency Management Division is partnering with Fort Worth Emergency Management to help special needs residents when an emergency arises. This service is available for both Tarrant County and Johnson County residents who live in Burleson.

The partnership allows the City to provide the Special Needs Assistance Program (SNAP) for residents who are dealing with permanent disabilities. SNAP is only for emergencies. You can register online with Fort Worth at <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/applications/snap/>. Enter the county and city you live in and then start the registration process. The information collected includes the name, gender, age, weight, address, primary language, emergency contact and specific special need of the registrant. Anyone who has a special condition that might require assistance in the event of an emergency or disaster is considered special needs.

SNAP is a program created to collect vital information so first responders can be prepared in the case of disaster. In any emergency, good information is crucial to ensure assistance is available when disasters strike. Residents are encouraged to register annually to provide disability-specific information such as the need for life support systems or mobility aids. The information will be kept confidential. The information will be used for disaster planning and response.

If you are dealing with a permanent disability, emergency management officials advise you to:

- Keep seven-14 days of medication on hand;
- Keep support items in a designated place so they can be found quickly;
- Include any caretakers in the planning process;
- Provide the power company with a list of all power-dependent life support equipment and plan for an alternate power source in advance;
- And, lastly, create an adequate emergency food supply for those with special dietary needs.