

NSCB News Release



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## Nevada State Contractors Board Joins Local Agencies and Industry Groups to Hold Disaster Preparedness Kit Drive

LAS VEGAS – September is National Disaster Preparedness Month, and the Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) wants to help Southern Nevada residents become disaster ready. From now until Oct. 6, NSCB, along with industry groups and local agencies, will be holding a Community Disaster Preparedness Kit Drive, which will supply local families with the necessary items to build their own disaster preparedness kits.

"Southern Nevada is uniquely vulnerable to a variety of natural and man-made disasters. From wildfires, flash floods, high winds and earthquakes to vandalism, human error and terrorism, severe property damage can occur at any moment and with no warning," said Jennifer Lewis, public information officer for NSCB. "Whether you think you'll be personally affected or not, it's always better to be with than without in your time of emergency need."

Items needed include, but are not limited to: water bottles/gallon jugs; non-perishable food items; batteries (AA/C); flashlights; First-Aid kits; diapers; baby wipes; matches; dust masks; duct tape; whistles; garbage bags/plastic ties; multi-use tools; toiletries (toilet paper, toothbrush, toothpaste); activities for children (coloring books/crayons); disposable cups, plates, and utensils.

Donations can be dropped off at:

- Nevada Builders Alliance Women's Council: 195 Reno Ave., Suite B. Las Vegas, 89119; 1000 N. Division, Ste. 102, Carson City
- Builders Association of Northern Nevada: 5484 Reno Corporate Drive, Reno, NV
- ABC Nevada: 5070 Arville Street, Suite 4, Las Vegas, NV 89118
- National Association of Minority Contractors- Nevada: 3400 W Desert Inn Rd., Suite 19, Las Vegas, NV 89102
- Nevada Subcontractors Association: 4175 S. Riley St. Suite 204, Las Vegas, NV 89147
- The Ferraro Group: 9205 W. Russell Road, Ste. 340, Las Vegas NV 89148

Additional locations will be added throughout the month at <u>www.nscb.nv.gov</u>.

In partnership with the Clark County Office of Emergency Management, all items collected during the drive will be distributed to residents who attend the Clark County Fire Station "Fire Safety Day" Open House, from noon to 3 p.m. on Oct. 14 at 7929 Mountains Edge Parkway. Additional items will be held and distributed at future fire station open house events.

"We encourage residents to attend the event to obtain information on fire safety and earthquake preparedness from the Office of Emergency Management," Lewis said. "We'll also be there to provide tips on how to hire properly licensed contractors in the event of property damage from a disaster. Unscrupulous and unlicensed contractors may seek to take advantage of homeowners in the wake of catastrophe. It's important to have an action plan when it comes time to contracting for emergency home repairs."

For more information on the Community Disaster Preparedness Kit Drive, updated list of drop off locations and more, please visit www.nvcontractorsboard.com.

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