

**Disaster Planning**  
 Menu, Food Safety & Sanitation  
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**Menu**

- Menu
  - You will need to determine how many people will you be feeding.
    - Patients/Residents
    - Staff
    - Visitors
    - Transfers in or out
    - Meet with your administrator also.
  - Anticipated length of the disaster.
    - History of the facility and the area.
    - What is projected to take place?
    - Will you lose power, gas, or water?
    - Is evacuation a possibility (will you send food)?

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**Menu**

- Meet prior to any disaster and "Plan to Fail".
  - Meet with administrator, maintenance, etc.
- Keep things simple
- Make a list of things that can go wrong with a correction plan.
  - Example - you can't cook in your kitchen because gas is has been cut off.
    - What other methods do we have available?
    - Can Fuel (Stermos), Butane burners, Propane gas burners (outdoor use)
- Can you continue with your normal menu?
  - Will you need to make changes.
  - Do you have a disaster meal plan.
  - Will you need to use only paper goods and disposable ware?
  - Order food & supplies prior to the disaster (be ready).

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**Food Safety & Sanitation**

- Food Safety & Sanitation
  - Food Safety & Sanitation is always important but especially when you are in a situation that is out of the normal everyday operation.
  - Hand Washing
    - How will you wash your hands?
    - Important to have hand wipes and sanitizer gel.
    - Other ways to wash hand (if no water).
  - Work surfaces clean, utensils & cooking equipment
    - How will you clean?
    - Need a cleaner that can clean, disinfect and sanitize.
  - Make sure you document your food and equipment temperatures!

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**Have a great day!**



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