



EMERGENCY RESOURCE LIST

West Locations

In the event of a natural disaster, national emergency or occurrence threatening the health and safety of individuals the following emergency resource list will outline services available within the community.

American Red Cross The American Red Cross is required by congressional charter to undertake disaster relief activities to ease the suffering caused by a disaster. Assistance includes fixed/mobile feeding stations, shelter, cleaning supplies, comfort kits, first aid, blood and blood products, food, clothing, emergency transportation, rent, home repairs, household items, and medical supplies. Additional assistance for long-term recovery may be provided when other relief assistance and/or personal resources are not adequate to meet disaster-caused needs. The American Red Cross provides referrals to the government and other agencies providing disaster assistance as well.

Phone # to the Kalamazoo area: (269)353-6180

E-mail Address: mail@greayerkzooredcross.org

Address: American Red Cross of Greater Kalamazoo Area
5640 Venture Court
Kalamazoo, MI 49009-1860

Or

Phone # to the Berrien County Benton Harbor area: (269) 927-2288

E-mail Address: redcross@berrienredcross.org

Web Site: <http://www.berrienredcross.org>

Address: American Red Cross
Berrien County Chapter
303 Riverview Dr.
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

The Friends Disaster Service (FDS) The FDS provides clean-up and rebuilding assistance to the elderly, disabled, low income, or uninsured survivors of disasters. It also provides an outlet for Christian service to Friends' volunteers, with an emphasis on love and caring. In most cases, FDS is unable to provide building materials and, therefore, looks to other NVOAD member agencies for these materials.

Refer to Friends Disaster Service Contacts page for any contact information.

The Nazarene Disaster Response This agency provides clean-up and rebuilding assistance, especially to the elderly, disabled, widowed and those least able to help themselves. In addition, a National Crisis Counseling Coordinator works into the recovery phase by assisting with the emotional needs of disaster victims.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) The Community Emergency Response Team Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills. CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

Phone # to Dowagiac Police Dept.- (269) 782-9743

Address - 241 S. Front St., Dowagiac, MI 49047

Phone # to Dowagiac Fire Dept.- (269) 782-9563

Address 103 Park Place, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Berrien County Department of Emergency Management

Captain Rockey Adams
2100 E. Empire Ave.

Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 983-7141 ext. 4916

Cass/Berrien/Van Buren County Connects- 211 – Dial this number for local information about available resources.

A.C.T.I.O.N.- Area Churches Together In One Network

Food Pantry, clothing & financial assistance, and Salvation Army office.
301 Main St. Dowagiac, MI 49047
ActionDowagiac@gmail.com
269-782-0000

The Apostolic Tabernacle

Kitchen available for use and space for sleeping.
1881 Greenly Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI
info@apostolicbh.com
574-904-2721

The Apostolic Lighthouse

Food Pantry, kitchen available for use and space for sleeping.
30402 M62
Dowagiac, MI
info@alcdowagiac.com
269-240-5429

Sister Lakes Fire Department

92282 CR 690
Dowagiac, MI
board@sisterlakesfire.com
269-591-5748
Contact Person- Chief Anthony Lozada

**Van Buren County Assistance Programs:
Emergency Assistance**

CONTACT US

Main Phone Number: 269-657-5574 or 269-637-5297 or toll free at 1-800-922-1418
Fax: 269-657-3474

24-Hour Crisis Line: 1-800-922-1418

Allegan County Central Food Pantry

Location of the pantry - 323 Water Street
Allegan, Michigan 49010
Main phone - (269) 673-5472
The center offers emergency food or groceries as well as applications to SNAP food stamps.

First Baptist Church - Love Inc Of Northwest Allegan County

Address is 1290 32nd Street

Allegan, MI 49010

Phone - (269) 751-2533

A free food bank is available from this charity. There is canned fruit and vegetables, frozen meat, dry goods, soups, juices, eggs, snack foods, condiments and much more. The assistance is available in Allegan County using the U.S. Health Department's recommendations as a guide to provide families with nutritionally balanced meals.

- Another church that is part of this network is at 4621 135th Avenue, Hamilton, Michigan 49419, dial (269) 751-2533 for hour.
- Love Inc. is also in Hudsonville Michigan. This pantry is at 3300 Van Buren Street, Hudsonville, MI, 49426. Phone: (616) 662-3300.

Eleanor's Pantry

221 Drew Street

Paw Paw, Michigan 49079

(269) 415-0444

This is a client choice food pantry. The center may also have clothing as well as Christmas or Thanksgiving meals.

Hartford United Methodist Church

Address is 425 East Main Street

Hartford, MI 49057

Telephone - (269) 621-4103

Project Hope Of North East Allegan County

1808 143rd Avenue

Dorr, MI 49323

(616) 681-4673

Emergency food for up to 3 days may be provided to low income families and the working poor in the Allegan region. There is also canned goods, paper items, and more.

Allegan County Resource Development

Main address: 323 Water St

Allegan, Michigan (269) 673-5472

Everything from surplus commodities to public aid is offered.

Decatur Human Services

Address is 102 South Phelps Street

Decatur, Michigan 49045

Dial (269) 423-6474

A community program offers free food and groceries those in need.

The **Benton Harbor based Salvation Army** services people in Van Buren County. The organization will do its best to meets needs and improves the lives of those low income, elderly, unemployed, and others who are coming within its sphere of influence. The agency can provide information on programs, tips and advice. The non-profit is a part of the universal Christian church and assists others throughout the community without discrimination. Dial 927-1353.

Allegan and Van Buren County rent assistance.

One-time, temporary assistance can help families pay their rent. Agencies operate across both Van Buren as well as Allegan County. Funding, which is very limited, will be combined with stabilization services. Applicants need to participate in the full spectrum of programs administered in order to receive any rental assistance from one of these organizations.

If the resident is too far behind on what they owe their landlord, then the best option for them may be to move into a transitional housing site. This will allow the family time to save their income for future rent costs on a new, low income apartment. They can also seek funds for a security deposit during that time frame or apply for section 8 housing from Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) in the Allegan region.

For more information on applying for assistance, or to access social service, call an agency below. Any funding for rent is limited. Some of the charities, such as Love Inc., only offer referrals.

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Van Buren County - 57150 County Road 681, Hartford, Michigan 49057, dial (269) 621-2800.

Allegan County office is 3255 122nd, Allegan, MI 49010. Dial (269) 673-7700.

Housing and rent assistance is from State Emergency Relief/SER. Expenses paid for by the state include moving expenses as well as security deposits. Low income families can also receive a grant for paying rent arrears, taxes, and much more. The applicant needs to be homeless, in temporary housing or on the verge of eviction.

Legal Aid of Allegan County and Western Michigan

Main office is 201 W Kalamazoo Ave

Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

Dial (269) 344-8113

Salvation Army Regional Location

1269 M-89

Plainwell, MI

Phone - (269) 685-5886

Based on donations from the community, one time funds may be issued for rent, utilities, and other costs.

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