

## Local Health Departments and Medical Reserve Corps Join to Educate Communities on Emergency Preparedness

Are you certain that your family knows how to prepare for a disaster and has sufficient emergency supplies in the home? You should be! To help you address this top priority, local Health Departments and the Upper Merrimack Valley Medical Reserve Corps are providing educational sessions on emergency preparedness – and purchasing supplies in bulk – for local residents to build their own **72-Hour Emergency Kits**.

Call to reserve your space in one of these events! Learn what you can do to prepare your home in case of a disaster, and assemble *your* kit with previously purchased materials. Take advantage of discounted pricing obtained through bulk purchasing, and avoid the hassle of running around to gather needed supplies. One-stop shopping! Your \$50 pre-payment will cover a backpack, emergency disaster guide, crank flashlight and radio, tarp, tent, and various first aid and emergency supplies. (Kits that many families purchased at last year's events proved useful during the unexpected ice storm in December.)

Call by **February 20**, 2009 to register for one of these events and order your kit:

**Wednesday, March 11 – Westford (978-692-5509)**

**Abbot School**, 25 Depot Street, Westford 01886

6 p.m. Preparedness Overview; Build 72-Hour Kits

7 p.m. New Member Orientation (*for prospective MRC members*)

(Checks for \$50 per kit should be payable to the **Town of Westford**.)

Mail to the Health Department, 23 Depot Street, Westford MA, 01886.)

**Thursday, March 12 – Tewksbury (978-640-4470, x230)**

**Town Hall Auditorium**, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury 01876

6 p.m. Preparedness Overview; Build 72-Hour Kits

7 p.m. New Member Orientation (*for prospective MRC members*)

(Checks for \$50 per kit should be payable to the **Town of Tewksbury**.)

Mail to the Health Department, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury MA 01876.)

**Monday, March 23 – Chelmsford (978-250-5241)**

**Police Department**, 2 Olde North Road (Rt. 4), Chelmsford 01824

6 p.m. Preparedness Overview; Build 72-Hour Kits

(Checks for \$50 per kit should be payable to the **Town of Chelmsford**.)

Mail to the Health Department, 50 Billerica Road, Westford MA, 01824.)

**Tuesday, March 24 – Dracut (978-454-1753; ask for Sue)**

**Fire Department**, 488 Pleasant Street (Rt. 113), Dracut 01826

6 p.m. Preparedness Overview; Build 72-Hour Kits

(Checks for \$50 per kit should be payable to the **Town of Dracut**.)

Mail to the Fire Department, 488 Pleasant Street, Dracut MA, 01826.)

For additional information, contact your local Health Department.