

## Oxygen Patients Emergency Preparedness

Dear Patient or Caregiver,

**Please** keep the enclosed Emergency Preparedness Policy for your records.

**Patients and caregivers of those using home oxygen please develop a plan now for how to respond if a natural disaster or an act of terrorism threatens our area.**

**Oxygen** patients must make sure there is enough portable/ back-up oxygen on hand in case of an emergency or natural disaster such as wildfire or other weather related emergencies, as well as man-made or technological emergencies such as hazardous chemical spills and acts of terrorism. It is the patient or caregiver's responsibility to maintain a location where electricity will be available. This may require relocating when natural disasters threaten. We suggest that if patients expect power outage, evacuate to an area where you expect power to continue, and carry your medical equipment with you. Let us know your destination and keep us informed of your situation. We want to know if you are leaving the area.

Patients must call Arizona Medical Equipment & Supply (623-266-7255, or 928-771-9228) **as much in advance as possible** in the event of a wild fire, thunderstorm, tornado threat to place an order for back up oxygen (portables). You may come by 3185 Clearwater Drive, Prescott, AZ 86305 to pick them up (call first) or we will deliver back up oxygen to patients as long as it remains safe to do so and our cylinder supplies last.

All shelters are not equipped to handle electrically operated medical equipment. Oxygen patients are encouraged to find special needs medical shelters that can provide electricity during times of emergency.

If you have any questions for us please call us, we are at 623-266-7255 or at 928-771-9228.

We wish everyone a safe stay in Arizona.

Staff at AMES