



The Chatham Township Office of Emergency Management (OEM) in cooperation with the NJ OEM now maintains a statewide registry of people who have special needs and may need assistance before, during and/or after an emergency.

The Registry is voluntary and free. It allows residents with special needs an opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies, so responders can plan to serve them in a disaster or emergency situation.

The Registry is strictly confidential and protective of your privacy. People should register if they may find it difficult to help themselves in the event of a major disaster, or get to a shelter during an evacuation. This difficulty may be due to a physical or cognitive limitation, language barrier or lack of transportation.

**To register:**

- You (or someone on your behalf) can log onto [www.registerready.nj.gov](http://www.registerready.nj.gov)
- Telephone 2-1-1, for toll free registration help. You (or someone on your behalf) provide the information and they will input the Registry.
- Registration forms are also available from the Chatham Township OEM at Police Headquarters on 401 Southern Boulevard. Return completed form to Chatham Township OEM.
- [Print out the form found on the Chatham Township website](#) at [www.chathamtownship.org](http://www.chathamtownship.org) and return to Chatham Township OEM at Police Headquarters.

Register today to be ready for tomorrow.

We do want to stress that the first line of defense against the effects of a disaster is personal preparation. It is important for all citizens to make their own emergency plans and prepare for their own care. The Red Cross at [www.redcross.gov](http://www.redcross.gov) or the website [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) provides valuable information on what you can do to be ready for a disaster.

If you have further questions contact Chief John Paton, Emergency Management Coordinator, on 973-377-0100 or email to [jpaton@ctpd.net](mailto:jpaton@ctpd.net). Alternate contact is Dick Kern, Deputy OEM Coordinator on 973-377-0100 or email at [rkern@ctpd.net](mailto:rkern@ctpd.net).