**Color Coded Emergency Packet**

Our Neighborhood is divided into small groups (zones) and each has a Zone Captain whose responsibility is to coordinate assistance in case of a disaster.

This is a color-coded emergency packet which will help the Zone Captain determine which families need help:

1. When a disaster hits, you determine whether your family is in need of assistance and how urgently that assistance is required.
2. Choose which of the enclosed ribbons or combination of ribbons best reflects your needs.
3. Tie the ribbon/ ribbons to your mailbox or tree at the curb. Post so it is easily seen from the street and from above (skyward).

**Red tags** - (immediate) are used to label those who cannot survive without immediate treatment but who have a chance of survival.

**Yellow tags** - (observation) for those who require observation (and possible later re-triage). Their condition is stable for the moment and, they are not in immediate danger of death. These victims will still need hospital care and would be treated immediately under normal circumstances.

**Green tags** - (wait) are reserved for the "[**walking**](https://www.medicinenet.com/walking/article.htm) wounded" who will need medical care at some point, after more critical injuries have been treated.

**White tags** - (dismiss) are given to those with minor injuries for whom a doctor's care is not required.

**Black tags** - (expectant) are used for the deceased and for those whose injuries are so extensive that they will not be able to survive given the care that is available.

**Please keep this packet in the coat closet nearest the front door. Either loop it over the neck of a hanger or on a hook or nail there. If you move, please leave it for the next occupant.**