

Comanche Nation Emergency Management Program Guidelines

Mission Statement

Our mission remains steadfast: we are dedicated to the development and maintenance of a comprehensive plan designed to prepare for, respond to, and recover from all forms of major emergencies that may arise within the Comanche Nation. We operate as an all-hazard emergency management program for the Comanche Nation. Our objectives include mitigating the impacts of hazards, implementing measures to preserve life and minimize damage, enhancing response capabilities during emergencies to provide essential assistance to tribal members, and establishing a recovery framework that facilitates the restoration of the Comanche Nation to its normal operations following a catastrophic event. The emergency management process encompasses four key phases: **Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery.**

Services Provided

No disaster is the same, all emergency situations are different, therefore we have established guidelines to better assist tribal members during a disaster. When an emergency occurs a team member will do a site survey and needs assessment for each situation. If the following guidelines are met, the CNEM department has the following available resources we can provide for “temporary relief” during an emergency, such as;

1. An unexpected loss of power for an extended amount of time (4 or more hours and/ or if medical equipment is in use), we have generators available to loan out until power is restored on a first-come, first-served basis. Elders are our top priority.
2. An unexpected loss of heat or cooling from your home’s primary heating/cooling source. (We can loan an A/C unit or a heater.)
3. Loss of access to drinking water for 4 hours or more due to a “mandatory” boil order or loss of water resources (we will provide the tribal member with bottled water).
4. We can assist with sandbags during flooding. (15 bags per household)
5. We can provide emergency assistance in the event of a house fire, tornado, flood, or hurricane, if a tribal member loses their home, or if the home is deemed uninhabitable by the fire marshal, we will provide financial assistance. The amount of “The amount of assistance is up to \$1,000.00 but will not exceed this amount.”

6. (Required Documentation: fire report, deed or proof of address, CDIB, written request of services, photos of damages).
7. We will assist with downed trees or broken tree limbs that are a direct result of hazardous weather. Due to liability and insurance concerns, the

CNEM TEAM is only responsible for removing tree limbs that are:

- Hanging dangerously low.
- Those that have fallen within 50 feet of the home or outside structures.
- Those that are blocking the entry of said home.
- Those that are blocking entry to the property (such as driveways and/or carports)
- Those are elders 50 or over or determined to be in special circumstances.

The CNEM Team is not responsible for and cannot perform the following:

- Climb on top of dwellings or up ladders to cut limbs that cannot be reached with our pole saws.
- Cut down trees that do not pose a threat to the dwelling or entry of the property.
- If you live within the city limits, we will drag downed or cut limbs to the road for the City Sanitation Department to pick up.
- We can **NOT** cut tree limbs around power lines; this is the responsibility of your electric company.
- **We are not responsible for basic landscaping or yard maintenance**
- **“Non-Elder tree removal assistance will be up to \$1,500.00 but will not exceed this amount. Any amount over will be the responsibility of the tribal member.”**

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for services provided by the Comanche Nation Emergency Management Program, individuals must be enrolled members of the Comanche Nation tribe: “There is no jurisdictional boundaries. Eligibility Requirements are handled on a case-by-case basis. In a declared federal disaster, no one is turned away.”

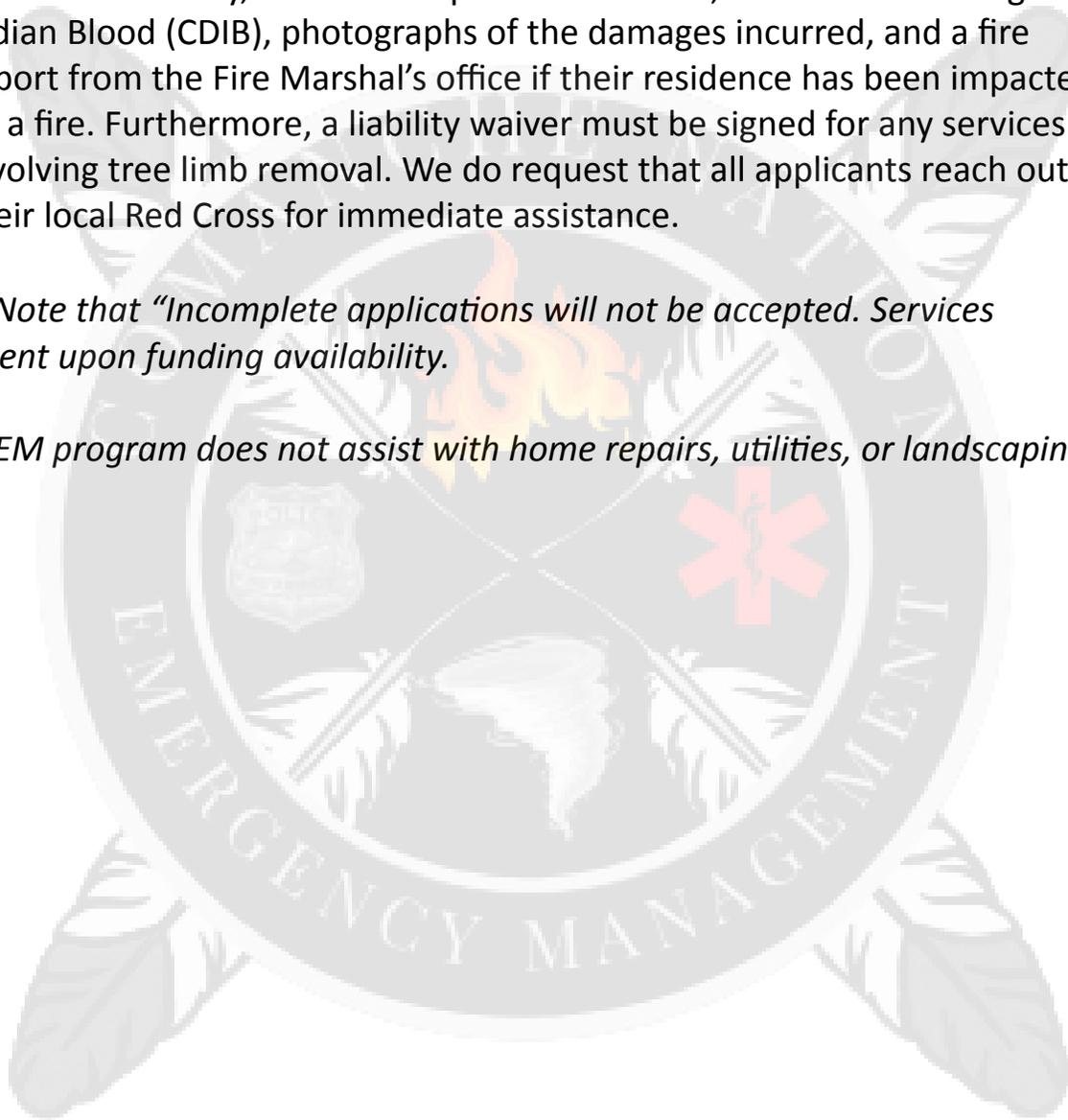
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Supporting Documentation

While there are no income guidelines, applicants are required to submit proof of residency, a written request for services, a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB), photographs of the damages incurred, and a fire report from the Fire Marshal's office if their residence has been impacted by a fire. Furthermore, a liability waiver must be signed for any services involving tree limb removal. We do request that all applicants reach out to their local Red Cross for immediate assistance.

Please Note that "Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Services contingent upon funding availability.

The CNEM program does not assist with home repairs, utilities, or landscaping





Comanche Nation Emergency Management Release and Waiver of Liability

This Release and Waiver of Liability is hereby executed on this ____ day of _____, 20____, by _____ (Tribal member), who seeks emergency tree limb removal by the Comanche Nation Emergency Management Team. I, _____, hereby voluntarily and without any coercion, execute this Release under the following stipulations:

Waiver and Release: I hereby release and forever discharge the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma Emergency Management Team, along with its successors and assigns, from any and all liability, claims, demands, and causes of action of any nature, whether in law or equity, that may arise from my request for assistance from the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma Emergency Management Team. This includes any activities managed, arranged, promoted, or otherwise associated with the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma.

I acknowledge that this Release discharges the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma from any liability or claims that I may have against them regarding any bodily injury, illness, death, or property damage resulting from my request for assistance. Furthermore, I understand that the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma does not assume any responsibility or obligation to provide any form of financial assistance or support, including, but not limited to, medical, health, or disability insurance, in the event of injury, illness, death, or property damage.

1. Additionally, I recognize that the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma does not carry or maintain any health, medical, disability, damage, or other liability insurance coverage for my benefit and expressly disclaims any obligation to do so. As a homeowner, I am expected and encouraged to maintain my own medical, health, and all other relevant insurance coverage for my own benefit.
2. I hereby formally release and discharge the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma from any and all liability, claims, demands, and causes of action that may arise from any first aid or medical treatment provided during my participation with the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma or in connection with any project, activity, or event that is sponsored, managed, arranged, promoted, or otherwise affiliated with the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma.
3. I acknowledge and agree that this release is intended to be as comprehensive and inclusive as allowed by law. Furthermore, this release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the applicable state, county, city, and/or township. Should any clause or provision of this release be deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this release.
4. Additionally, I agree and understand that I bear the responsibility for maintaining a safe environment while tribal employees are providing assistance to my household, and I shall adhere to the all safety precautions established by the Emergency Management Department.

By signing below, I confirm that I have read, understood, and agree to this release and to the guidelines set forth by the Tribal Administrator.

X

Tribal Member /Roll #

X

Employee Witness /Date