

Map Your Neighborhood (MYN)

**Building and Strengthening
Disaster Readiness
Among Neighbors**

from
**Washington State
Emergency Management**





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20 Years In the Making

- **Designed utilizing proven social science research**
- **Honed by lessons learned from actual disasters**

- **2009 IAEM Public Awareness Award**
- **2011 FEMA's Challenge Award**
- **2011 FEMA Innovative Training & Education Award**

~ Remember ~

**In a disaster,
your most immediate source of
help are the neighbors living
around you**

MYN - Overview

- **Designed to improve disaster readiness at the neighborhood level (*urban, rural, condos, apartments*)**
 - *Those you can reach in the first hour after a disaster, the golden hour*
- **Teaches neighbors to rely on each other during the hours or days before fire, medical, police, or utility responders arrive**
- **Takes just one person to begin this process by inviting the neighborhood to his or her home for a 90-minute meeting, facilitated by the program DVD**

Program Synopsis

- **Learn the 9 Steps to Take Immediately Following a Disaster**
- **Identify Skills and Equipment Inventory List**
- **Create a Neighborhood Map**
 - **Natural Gas / Propane shut off valves**
 - **Water shut off location**
- **Create a Neighborhood Contact List (identify)**
 - **Latch Key Children**
 - **Elderly**
 - **Disabled**

Program - Steps

AT HOME:

Step 1: Take care of your loved ones

Step 2: Protect your head, feet, and hands

Step 3: Check the natural gas or propane at your home

Step 4: Shut off water at the house main

Step 5: Place the Help or OK sign on your front door or window

Step 6: Put your fire extinguisher on the sidewalk or where neighbors can see it

Program - Steps

WITH NEIGHBORS:

Step 7: Go to the Neighborhood Gathering Site

Step 8: Form Teams

- **Radio**
- **Check People - elderly, disability, children**
- **Gas/Propane**
- **Help/OK Card**

Step 9: Return to Neighborhood Gathering Site – report out

Program Materials

- **MYN Neighbor Handout:** contains the 9-Step Response Plan, Skill & Equipment Inventory, Neighborhood Map & Contact List, Help/OK card. *(Available in English and Spanish)*
- **MYN Discussion Guide:** designed as a 'script' for MYN's DVD and can be easily read if a DVD player is not available
- **MYN DVD:** produced in a play-pause-discuss format.
(close-captioned for the hearing impaired and subtitled in English, Spanish, Russian, Korean, Chinese)
- **MYN supporting materials** *(available at www.PREPOregon.org)*
– includes discussion guide, meeting invitation, and contact list

MYN - DVD



Facilitators Video: (5 min.)

Neighborhood Meeting Video: (45 min.)

Topic 1: Opening, Introductions & Welcome

Topic 2: Assumptions & Boundaries

Topic 3: Immediately Following a Disaster

Topic 4: Identifying Neighborhood Gathering Site

Topic 5: Identifying Neighborhood Care Center

Topic 6: Neighborhood Skills & Equipment Inventory

MYN - DVD



Neighborhood Meeting Video: (continued)

Topic 7: Neighborhood Map

Topic 8: Contact List

Topic 9: Review Steps 1-7

Topic 10: Steps 8 - 9

Topic 11: Next Steps

Subtitled: English, Spanish, Korean, Russian, Chinese

Program Statistics

MYN Track Record:

- First utilized during the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake in Sunnyvale, California
- 2001 Nisqually earthquake, 92% of 460 organized neighborhoods in Seattle reported responding in a timely and organized manner to the needs of their neighbors

Participating Community Groups:

- CERT, Medical Reserve Corps, Neighborhood/Block Watch, American Legion, churches, schools, and many other organizations

Program Statistics

Washington State:

- 39 counties/30 county members
- 200+ individual/city contacts

United States:

- 37 states (includes Washington State);
- 180+ individual/city/county contacts

Worldwide: Canada, Indonesia, & New Zealand

Questions? More Information?



Visit the MYN website:

<http://www.emd.wa.gov/myn/index.shtml>

Or contact

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