MYN Map Your Neighborhood

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

The MYN program focuses on one street at a time; 15-20 homes or a defined area that you can canvas in 1 hour.

Welcome

Thank you for participating with us in this vital neighborhood preparedness program. We need someone in every neighborhood willing to gather their neighbors together for this important discussion on preparedness. The reality is that most neighborhoods will be on their own for the first hours, days, or weeks following disaster. If people have been hurt, if there's a fire, if property has been damaged, the real first responders will be you and your neighbors. Fire, police, medical, and 9-1-1 personnel will be overwhelmed dealing with immediate life-threatening demands. It is important that neighborhoods work together to prepare.

Prepare

Neighborhoods that are prepared for emergencies and disaster situations save lives, reduce the severity of injuries and trauma, and reduce property damage. In addition, contributing as an individual and working together as a team helps develop stronger communities and improve the quality of life in the community.

Learn

- Learn the first ***9 Steps to Take Immediately Following a Disaster*** to secure your home and protect your neighborhood. It is hard to think clearly following disaster. These steps will help you to quickly and safely take actions that can minimize damage and protect lives.
- Identify the ***Skills and Equipment Inventory*** each neighbor has that are useful in an effective disaster response. Knowing which neighbors have supplies and skills ensures a timely response to a disaster and allows everyone to contribute to the response in a meaningful way.
- Create a ***Neighborhood Map*** identifying the locations of natural gas and propane tanks for quick response if needed.
- Create a ***Neighborhood Contact List*** that identifies those with specific needs such as the elderly, those with a disability, or homes where children may be alone during certain hours of the day.
- ***Learn how to work together as a Team*** to evaluate your neighborhood after a disaster and take the necessary actions. Your team will be 15-20 homes or a defined area that you can canvas in 1 hour.

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To start a neighborhood group: Contact your local county or city Emergency Management Office and talk with them about any MYN training they offer and how to get the supporting materials for your neighborhood meeting. You can also contact Washington State Emergency Management to find out more about the program and to order MYN materials.

Before your meeting: As a block facilitator/leader you will receive a packet of materials which include a Welcome/Overview document, the meeting DVD (50 minutes) Part 1 -Facilitator Video (what to do before your meeting), Part 2 - Neighborhood Meeting Video (for use during your meeting), and a an example of the Workbook/ Shingle. You will need to watch the DVD and review the steps before you conduct your meeting. *The DVD is produced in a play-pause format, and is subtitled in Spanish, Russian, Korean, Chinese, and is close-caption for the hearing impaired.*

During your meeting: Watch the DVD and follow the prompts; all neighbors receive a Workbook, fill it out at the meeting, and take it home for reference. *Please let us know if you need Spanish Workbooks.*

After your meeting: It is important to reconnect with your local office and let them know you have organized your neighbors. This lets them know you have taken steps to help each other and they can add your block to their mapping/tracking system. Please feel free to provide feedback about the program to help evaluate its effectiveness.

On-Line Support Materials to assist you when implementing MYN:
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- Welcome/Overview document.
- Discussion Guide: a companion document for the DVD. The Guide further explains the program and outlines training activities.
- Rural Settings implementation instructions.
- Vertical Neighborhoods implementation instructions.
- Contact List Template: Assists with compilation of neighbor information.
- Meeting Reminder: Written reminder is left with each neighbor after a personal invitation has been made.
- Sign Up Roster Template: to assist Block Facilitator/Leader track the packets they distribute.
- Participant Evaluation: Neighbors provide feed to block facilitator/leader (host).
- Program Evaluation: Block facilitator/leader completes and sends to City/County/State Emergency Management Offices.
- Feedback Postcard: Block facilitator/leader provides local EM office with participant information.
- MYN Video Series: bit.ly/MYNVids

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