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

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- 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
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
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
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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