



Neighborhood Ready

What is Neighborhood Ready? It is a program designed to assist neighborhoods in planning for disasters. While the emphasis has long been on major disasters, these plans are applicable to any scenario in which individual households and neighborhoods may be isolated and in need of assistance that cannot immediately reach them. Being prepared and adopting the concept of neighbor helping neighbor is the key. And part of being prepared includes knowing what measures to take to guarantee your personal safety as well as the safety of your family and your neighbors.

Learn What To Do in the Event of a Major Disaster:

There are any number of events that could isolate Camano Island for a prolonged period, some of which are natural causes, some man-made. A good many such circumstances would likely also result in lost telephone and internet communications. In a truly major event, we could be on our own for days, weeks, or even months. The following is a list of questions that Know Your Neighborhood will help you resolve, thereby aiding you, your family, and your neighborhood. While the risk of the worst possible scenario happening in our lifetime is low, the risk is still there. And if you are prepared for the worst, you will most certainly be better able to deal with anything less than that.

In cases like the Coronavirus outbreak, do you have enough supplies on hand to allow you to limit your exposure to others?

In the event of severe weather that isolates you in your home or neighborhood, do you have a sufficient supply of food, water, and first aid items for your household and pets?

Do you know which of your neighbors might need assistance with supplies or with meals during extended periods of isolation?

Do you have a plan for sheltering in place for such circumstances?

In the event of a major earthquake or severe fallout from a volcanic eruption – what should you do to you protect yourself and your family in the first few seconds/minutes following a major event?

Do you know where to meet your family if you get separated?

Do you have a meeting place for the neighborhood? Why should that be important?

Do you know of a safe place within the neighborhood to take injured or vulnerable individuals until outside help can arrive?

Do you have a neighborhood plan for helping one another?

What are your neighborhood resources – who has what skills; who has what equipment/tools?

Will you be able to communicate within the neighborhood and get critical information out?

Do you have sufficient food and water to last for at least a month? For three months?

What other supplies should you have?

The Camano Preparedness Group can assist you in mapping your neighborhood and establishing a neighborhood plan. If interested in setting up a session for your neighborhood, contact Rhonda Paulson – rspaulson.rp@gmail.com.