

TIMBERTON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

Self Help. All Timberton residents should have a plan in place to be able to help themselves in the event of a natural disaster such as an earthquake, a tsunami, a severe windstorm, or a wildfire. This plan should include a basic emergency supply kit organized and easily accessible. Based on estimates of the time it may take for communications to be restored, bridges and roads to be reopened, and emergency responders to reach us, each resident should have the following:

*Water: one gallon per person per day for drinking and sanitation for up to 14 days.

*Food: non-perishable food supplies for up to 14 days. See also www.ready.gov.

*Medical Supplies: critical medications, special needs items such as hearing aids and batteries, eyeglasses or contact lenses, dentures, wheelchairs, walkers, etc. First Aid Kit containing alcohol wipes, sterile bandages and gauze dressings, N95 disposable face-masks, scissors, tweezers, antibiotic ointment, cold compress, thermometer, etc.

*Practical Supplies: flashlights (extra batteries or crank-type), NOAA weather radio (solar powered or crank-type), knife, axe/hatchet, tarp, matches in waterproof container, rope, can-opener (non-electric), eating and drinking utensils, cookware, gloves, bleach, etc.

*Other Items: cash and change, (ATMs and credit cards may not be usable), personal hygiene items, large supply of toilet paper, paper towels, hand sanitizer, season-specific clothing (coats, gloves, hats, socks) and sturdy shoes/boots. Don't forget Pet food and supplies.

Emergency Preparedness Team. Timberton has a team to communicate with South Bay and North Bay com centers, the Fire Department, and Jefferson County's Emergency Response officials in such an event. Our purpose is to OBSERVE the situation, VERIFY the extent of any damage to people or property, REPORT needs to the appropriate officials, and ASSIST our neighbors as best we can. We have seven members on our team, one on each street or area in Timberton. Each of us is equipped with a two-way radio, and we participate in drills several times a year to practice using them. In an emergency situation, we will communicate special needs through the South Bay Com Center to first responders. We will also mark hazards such as propane tanks, help with tasks like opening a garage door when the electricity is out, shutting off water mains, etc.

Team Leader is Tom Carter. Block Captains are:

Heritage Lane — Tom Carter - 103 Heritage

Leighbrook Lane — Rich Durbin - 56 Leighbrook

McKenzie Lane — Dennis LaMance - 54 McKenzie

Timber Heights Drive and Vista Wood Court — John Germain - 121 Timber Heights

Timber Meadow Drive — Dale Wills - 93 & Anita Woodnutt - 134 Timber Meadow

Timber Ridge Drive — Judy Gill - 94 Timber Ridge Drive

Medic & Ham Radio Operator: Harlen Whitling - 43 Timber Ridge Drive

Additional Information. Jefferson County provides a wealth of helpful information. Their booklet called "Think, Plan, Do. Repeat!" is available from your Block Captain or from the Jefferson County Dept. of Emergency Management at 360-385-9368. See also www.jeffcoecoc.org or email: jcdem@co.jefferson.wa.us.

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