

# Home Preparedness for Potential Disasters - a survey

by EVC MYN

Surveys each Household and your Neighborhood for its Preparedness

## Introduction - about this survey:

- Hello, this survey was prepared by us, your neighbors in the Nehalem Bay area. We volunteer with the local group that provides education and support for potential disasters. This survey will assess how well prepared we are, in our homes, neighborhoods and community as a whole, in case of a sudden emergency event - such as a severe storm, flood, wild fire or even a major earthquake – any of which might happen in our rural area.
- You can help by answering questions about how prepared our community is, and your household is, in the event of an emergency or local disaster. This information is for use by the local Emergency Volunteer organization in creating an action plan so our community can be better prepared! We will not be publishing any personally identifiable information, only summaries.
- Please take the survey now. To thank you, when you complete the survey and include your name and contact info, you'll be entered in a drawing to win emergency preparedness supplies. Thank you!

A. Date of survey: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/2015  
Month Day

B. Surveyor's/Interviewer's Name (if done in person): \_\_\_\_\_

C. Physical address of survey participant (required): Include the City: e.g. 1234 Laneda Ave., Manzanita, OR 97130. This allows us to group data for a neighborhood and community.

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D. Circle one (required): Do you own/rent your home?

E. Circle one (required): Are you a full time/part time resident?

F. City or community (required - check one):

- City of Wheeler
- City of Nehalem
- City of Manzanita
- Bayside Gardens
- Neah-kah-nie
- Highway 53 / Nehalem Valley
- Neakahnie Meadow

## Section One: Neighborhood and Community Preparedness

Circle one answer for each of the following:

1. Have you heard of the Emergency Volunteer Corp of Nehalem Bay (EVC)? **Yes/No**
2. Do you know about the program related to the EVC called Map Your Neighborhood?  
**Yes/No**

3. Does your neighborhood have a “neighborhood captain” or central contact person in the event of a major emergency/disaster? **Yes/No**

♦ If yes, what is his/her name? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you know the designated place where you and your neighbors can meet (assembly or gathering site) in case of a major emergency/disaster such as a flood or an earthquake? **Yes/No**

♦ If yes, where is that?

[ ] neighbor’s home (write in name/address)\_\_\_\_\_

[ ] street intersection (write in location) \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] other \_\_\_\_\_

5. Does your neighborhood have a plan in place (for example, knowing who has skills, tools, who may need extra help) in the event of a major emergency/disaster when outside help isn’t available right away? **Yes/No**

6. Do you know if your city or community has a designated shelter to use if there was a major emergency/disaster and you had no food or place to stay? **Yes/No**

♦ If yes, where is that? (write in location)\_\_\_\_\_

**7. BASED ON THE ABOVE questions/answers, how prepared** would you say your neighborhood is (circle one)?

**0 = not prepared    1 = somewhat prepared    2 = well prepared**

## **Section Two: Home and Family Preparedness**

Please answer some questions about preparation and practice for your family/home.

**A. Home Survival Plan** (A specific plan of action in an emergency)

**Circle one answer for each of the following:**

8. Do you have a household survival plan in place for emergencies that would require you/your household to quickly evacuate in a disaster (i.e. home fire, wild fire, flooding or major earthquake)? **Yes/No**

9. Does this plan include special provisions for:

a. Your children? **Yes/No/No children**

b. Pets? **Yes/No/No Pets**

c. Persons in your household who may need extra help? **Yes/No/No Special Needs**

10. Do you have a survival plan to “shelter in place” if you are unable to leave your home in an emergency situation (i.e. Chemical spill, major road closures, power outage or pandemic)? **Yes/No**

11. If you have a propane tank, do you and your household members know how to shut it off?

**Yes/No/No Propane tank**

12. Do you and your household members know how to shut off your water to the house? **Yes/No**

13. Do you have a predetermined place to meet if household members are separated and a backup plan (with a time and place to meet) if you have not found household members after the first attempt? **Yes/No**

14. Have you established an “out of area” contact person for separated household members to reach when normal communications (i.e. cell phones or land lines) are not available? **Yes/No**

15. Has the “Home Survival Plan” been discussed and/or practiced with other members of your household? **Yes/No**

**16. WRAPPING UP on the HOME SURVIVAL PLAN**, Based on these questions/ answers about Home Survival Plans, how prepared would you say your household is (**circle one**)?  
**0 = not prepared    1 = somewhat prepared    2 = well prepared**

**B. Go-bags or Emergency Supply bag** (carry ready in an emergency)  
**Circle one answer for each of the following:**

17. Have you heard of a Go-Bag or emergency preparedness kit? **Yes/No**

18. Do you have some type of Go-Bag put together at home in case of an emergency that required you to quickly grab it and leave? [This would include such things as food, at least one (1) gallon of water, flash lights, first aid kit, extra prescription medication, etc.] **Yes/No**

*{if NO, read questions 19-21 as information to consider in preparing a Go-Bag and answer NO to each.}*

19. Does this Go Bag include special provisions for:  
a. Your children (formula, extra diapers)? **Yes/No/No children**  
b. Pets (food and water)? **Yes/No/No Pets**  
c. Persons in your household with special needs (prescription drugs or assistive devices)?  
**Yes/No/No Special Needs**

20. Do you keep a Go-Bag and water in all of your vehicles? **Yes/No**

21. Can you easily carry your Go-Bag for a distance, if necessary, and have you practiced carrying it? **Yes/No**

**22. WRAPPING UP on GO/EMERGENCY SUPPLY BAGS ...** Based on these questions/ answers about Go/Emergency Supply Bags, how prepared would you say your household is (**circle one**)?  
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**C. Shelter-in-Place Kit**  
**Circle one answer for each of the following:**

23. Do you have a specific kit or extra supplies set aside at home to use if your household was not able to leave your home for a number of days due to an emergency situation (i.e. chemical spill, storms, road closures, power outage, earthquake)? **Yes/No**

24. If you had to shelter in place, do you have extra supplies/provisions for:  
a. Your children (formula, extra diapers)? **Yes/No/No children**  
b. Pets (food and water)? **Yes/No/No Pets**  
c. Persons in your household with special needs (prescription drugs or assistive devices)?  
**Yes/No/No Special Needs**

25. If you had to shelter in place, do you have an extra supply of water for each person to have at least one (1) gallon of water per day for at least several days? **Yes/No**
26. Do you know other sources of drinkable water in your home (i.e. toilet tank and hot water heater)? **Yes/No**
27. If you had no other source of water, and had to treat contaminated water to make it safe to drink, do you have – and know how to use – any of the following:
- an emergency filter system? **Yes/No**
  - plain household bleach ? **Yes/No**
  - water purification tablets? **Yes/No**
28. Do you have extra supplies that include the following:
- canned or food items that can be stored for long periods of time (energy bars, raisins, and nuts)? **Yes/No**
  - flashlights w/ batteries **Yes/No**
  - material to make a fire to cook food (or stay warm) if there is no power? **Yes/No**
  - a first aid kit **Yes/No**
  - extra medications for household members who take prescription drugs? **Yes/No**
29. Do you have supplies set aside to keep you/others warm and dry such as extra clothing, blankets, a tent or tarp if your house is unsafe to stay in? **Yes/No**
30. Do you have a battery-powered/solar/crank radio that can be used to get emergency information? **Yes/No**
- 31. WRAPPING UP on SHELTERING IN PLACE ...** Based on these questions/ answers, how prepared would you say your household is to shelter in place (**circle one**)?  
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**D. Emergency radios and communication**

**Circle one answer for each of the following:**

32. Do you own any type of two way or “Walkie-Talkie” type radio? **Yes/No**  
*(if No, skip to question #37 ham radios)*
33. Have you practiced and are you comfortable using the radio? **Yes/No**
34. Have other household members practiced using the radio? **Yes/No**
35. Do you keep extra batteries nearby for the radio? **Yes/No**
36. Do you keep a “Walkie-Talkie” in your vehicle(s)? **Yes/No**
37. Have you ever had a Ham Radio license or do you have experience with a Ham radio? **Yes/No**
38. At home, do you have a NOAA (National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration) radio set to your locale for emergency warnings, plugged in with a battery backup? **Yes/No**
39. Do you use any other early warning service such as e-mail or text from NOAA, reverse 911 or any other provider? **Yes/No**

40. Do you know which local radio stations provide emergency information or announcements? **Yes/No**

**41. WRAPPING UP on EMERGENCY RADIOS AND COMMUNICATION ...** Based on these questions/ answers, how prepared would you say your household is?

**0 = not prepared    1 = somewhat prepared    2 = well prepared**

**Thank you for your help. We are almost finished with the survey.**

**E. First Aid and Fire Safety**

**Circle one answer for each of the following:**

42. Have you (or members of your household) had any First Aid or CPR training? **Yes/No**

43. Is there a fresh First Aid Kit at home? **Yes/No**

44. Is there a First Aid Kit in your vehicle(s)? **Yes/No**

45. Do you have working fire detectors in your home? **Yes/No**

46. Do you have a fire extinguisher in your home and in your vehicles? **Yes/No**

47. Have you (or members of your household) practiced using or had to use a fire extinguisher? **Yes/No**

**48. WRAPPING UP on FIRST AID AND FIRE SAFETY ...** Based on these questions/answers, how prepared are you to provide first aid or use a fire extinguisher in an emergency?

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**F. Conclusion: Just a few final questions**

49. Overall, thinking back on the entire survey, how well is your household prepared for potential emergencies (required)?

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50. If you want to increase your household or neighborhood preparedness, which of these interest you (check all that apply)?

First Aid training

CPR classes

Home emergency preparations

Emergency radio communication

Neighborhood preparedness/volunteer

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training

Shelter volunteer

Medical Reserve Corps (medical licensees)

Other (fill in the blank) \_\_\_\_\_

51. In the event of a disaster, what type of skills or equipment would you be able to contribute to help your neighbors/community (e.g. first aid/CPR trained, generator, chainsaw, etc.)?

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52. **Other thoughts?** Please share your thoughts, or any message to EVC, or tell us your next steps:

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**Now, we'll leave you with some materials to answer more of the questions we talked about.** This document has info about types of emergencies/disasters, where to get news if an event happens, how to prepare, storing things to survive, a tsunami inundation map, what to do if a quake or tsunami happens, things you can do each month, pet and first aid information. It also has a "Help" and "OK" sign that will speed responders to those in need. (You can also get this handout online: [bit.ly/MYNHandout](http://bit.ly/MYNHandout))

**Please provide your contact information so we can stay in touch, provide assistance and the information you want.** (This information is confidential to fire, police and by the EVC-MYN leaders only.) AND you'll be entered in the drawing for emergency supplies!

G. Your name is \_\_\_\_\_

H. Mailing address: (PO Box or street address, City, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

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I. Best phone number to reach you (e.g. 503-123-4567): (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

J. Your E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

K. What is your personal level of interest in emergency preparation (**circle one**)?

0 = Not Interested

1 = Somewhat Interested

2 = Interested to learn/do more

3 = Dedicated & Fully Involved

**THANK YOU AGAIN FOR HELPING OUR COMMUNITY BECOME BETTER PREPARED!!**