

# **Emergency Volunteer Corps – Disaster Preparation**

## ***Promoting A Culture of Preparedness***

### **Prepare Your Neighborhood (PYN)**

This grassroots program will help you, your neighbors and “clusters” of neighborhoods prepare to meet any disaster that may occur. Several roles are defined so neighbors can work together as a trained and practiced team. This includes neighborhood outreach, keeping records, identifying equipment and special needs, and practicing emergency radio communication. Also there is help to identify and practice routes for evacuation, prepare Go-Bags, maintain an assembly site, and meet everyone’s needs for water, sanitation and hygiene (WaSH). Start with a 90 minute meeting with neighbors. Contact Betsy Chase at [bachase411@gmail.com](mailto:bachase411@gmail.com) or (503)840-0087.

### **Go-Bags for Evacuation (Go-Coffees)**

It is critical that each member of a household have a Go-Bag at home, work/school and in each vehicle. You never know where you will be when the big quake and tsunami happen. Go-Coffees are held in your neighborhood homes to help you find ways to outfit your Go Bag. You will see good examples of a fully stocked Go-Bag, receive a list of essential items, and be able to purchase “hard to find” items. To host a Go-Coffee or to attend one check the [EVCNB Calendar](#) or contact Marie Hennessy at [MarieHennessy@msn.com](mailto:MarieHennessy@msn.com) or (503) 703-6241. In addition there are Go-Bag classes which include Shelter in Place, taught by Red Cross volunteers every few months. Check the [EVCNB Calendar](#).

### **Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WaSH)**

An earthquake and tsunami will destroy much of our infrastructure, including water and sewer pipes. No water at the tap, no flush toilets ... we will be instantly “camping”, or living like a developing country in Africa. This course teaches you how to find water, purify it, then store and use it safely. You will take home a great water filter, and learn how to disinfect and then test water. You’ll assemble a simple handwash station and receive temporary toilets – even learn how to make a “Neighborhood Poo Container” (NPC). You’ll learn how to reduce the spread of disease in a disaster. To sign up for a WaSH class click [bit.ly/TrainWaSH](http://bit.ly/TrainWaSH) – fill in your info and select some upcoming dates. If needed, contact Dave Boone at (303) 990-2455 or [WaSH@evcnb.org](mailto:WaSH@evcnb.org)

### **Emergency Communications – Yellow Radio 101**

Communicating with neighbors, your zone and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be critical to deal with injuries, deploying equipment and distributing supplies during a disaster. Also to be in touch with the outside world. We have settled on an inexpensive “yellow radio” which can be used as a walkie-talkie, or a Ham radio, if licensed. This course will teach you which channels to select, how to speak concisely & pass messages, and much more. To sign up check the [EVCNB Calendar](#) or contact Jacki Hinton at [yellowradio@evcnb.org](mailto:yellowradio@evcnb.org)

Be sure to check the EVCNB website for class schedules:

[www.evcnb.org](http://www.evcnb.org) (News and Events) Check out our [Emergency Preparedness Booklet](#) on our website!