
~ *MYN* ~
MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

*Building and Strengthening
Disaster Readiness among Neighbors*



PREPARE...

Neighborhoods that are prepared for emergencies and disaster situations save lives, reduce the severity of injuries and trauma, and reduce property damage. In addition, working together as a team and contributing as an individual develops stronger communities and improves the quality of life in the community.

LEARN...

- The 9 steps to take immediately following a disaster.
- Develop a neighborhood skills and equipment inventory.
- Map your neighborhood and identify areas of concern such as gas meters.
- Verify which neighbors need extra help in a disaster such as the elderly, those with a disability, or children who may be home alone.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT - MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD (MYN)

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Introduction to Map Your Neighborhood (MYN)

“Map Your Neighborhood” is a program designed to help neighborhoods prepare for disasters. It is offered through your local county or city Emergency Management Office.

Program Synopsis:

- Learn the first *9 Steps to Take Immediately Following a Disaster* to secure your home and to protect your neighborhood. It is hard to think clearly following disaster. These steps will help you to quickly and safely take actions that can minimize damage and protect lives.
- Identify the *Skills And Equipment Inventory* each neighbor has that are useful in an effective disaster response. Knowing which neighbors have supplies and skills helps your disaster response be timely, and allows everyone to contribute to the response in a meaningful way.
- Create a *Neighborhood Map* identifying the locations of natural gas and propane tanks for quick response if needed.
- Create a *Neighborhood Contact List* that helps identify those with specific needs such as elderly, disabled, or children who may be home alone during certain hours of the day.
- Work together as a team to evaluate your neighborhood after a disaster and take the necessary actions.

Remember:

In a disaster, your most immediate source of help are the neighbors living around you.

Program Structure:

- To start a neighborhood group, attend a MYN Train-the-Trainer session. This 2-hour training session provides you with important information on how to effectively facilitate a neighborhood meeting, details the *9 Steps to Take Immediately Following a Disaster*, and answers any questions or concerns you may have.
- Once you are trained, you may order the MYN Program materials through your local county or city Emergency Management Office. These materials include the MYN Neighborhood Handout Shingle, a Discussion Guide and CD which contains several forms, resources and information.
- After facilitating a MYN team, fill out the MYN Postcard and send it to your county or city Emergency Management Office. This will allow them to track the number of teams and evaluate the program.

If you have questions, please contact **Ute Weber, City of Tacoma Emergency Management Coordinator at (253) 594-7980** or at uweber@cityoftacoma.org