You're invited!!!

Map Your Neighborhood

What is Map Your Neighborhood (MYN)?

MYN is a unique program developed in 2009 by the Washington State Emergency Management Department to help neighborhoods prepare for disasters - neighbors helping neighbors. It's a peer-led, team-based program that provides training & resources needed to help neighborhoods get ready for any disaster. It's designed to save lives when you're sheltering in place after a disaster, such as a major earthquake. Communities in more than 40 states have adopted it.

Significant advantages of MYN over other programs include: 1) all residents in a neighborhood are involved in preparedness and share the same information; 2) personal information stays within the neighborhood and is not shared with anyone else; and (3) since everyone in a neighborhood is involved equally in the process, to the extent of their abilities, there is no reliance on one or two individuals to coordinate an emergency response – who may not be home when a disaster strikes.

Please make every attempt to attend this meeting. You'll see how informative and critical it is that all of us be there so we can learn how to help each other during a disaster.

_____&_____ are hosting a neighborhood MYN meeting:

\<Day, Date, Time\> _____

\<Address\> _____

During our neighborhood meeting we will show the training video because it is so well done and powerful that we can't say it any better. We will:

- Learn the "Nine Steps to Take Immediately Following a Disaster."
- Create a Contact Summary List with everyone's name and house.
- Create a Neighborhood Map, identifying locations of utility shut offs.
- Identify the skills & equipment each neighbor has that could be useful in a disaster.
- Learn how to work together as a team during the first hour following a disaster.

Please RSVP by \<Date\> _____

to \<name, email, phone\> _____

OR, write your name, address, and whether you're planning to come or not, and then place it in the host's mailbox. Please return the **Contacts Form** to your host when you RSVP.