



What Is Map Your Neighborhood?

“**Map Your Neighborhood**” (MYN) is a free program designed to help neighborhoods prepare for disasters and is offered through the State of Washington Emergency Management Division and the Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management.

Following a disaster, you may have to wait for hours, even days before help can arrive or before power can be restored to your neighborhood. MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD will provide a plan to bring your community together in a time of need.

MYN will help you to:

- Learn the “**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 and these steps will help you to quickly and safely take actions that can minimize damage and protect lives.
- Identify the **Skills and Equipment** each neighbor has that would be useful in an effective disaster response. You will develop response teams based on these skills.
- Create a **Neighborhood Map** identifying the locations of natural gas and propane tanks for quick response if needed.
- Create a **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 during the first hour following a disaster and take the necessary actions.



MYN Program Steps:

- **Step One** –Contact the Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management to set up your first neighborhood meeting. We will give you all of the materials you need to get started. You can hold your first meeting on your own or you can have one of our staff members come out and give the presentation. Your first meeting will cover basic disaster preparedness steps for your neighborhood and cover the 9 Steps and neighborhood organization.
- **Step Two** – A second meeting with KCDEM and your neighborhood. This meeting will consist of a tabletop exercise. During this exercise, we will talk you through a disaster scenario and discuss your neighborhood team actions.
- **Step Three** – The final meeting will consist of a walk-through disaster discussion in your neighborhood. Upon completion of this meeting, your neighborhood will be presented with a “Disaster Ready Neighborhood” sign to post in your neighborhood (pictured on page one).

Talk to your neighbors about getting prepared with the Map Your Neighborhood Program. If you are interested in learning more about MYN, please contact us at:



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