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## Whatcom County Fire District #11



Neighborhoods that are prepared for emergencies and disaster situations save lives, reduce the severity of injuries and trauma, and reduce property damage.

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### Public Alert Sign-up

Whenever a significant incident occurs in Whatcom County, Whatcom Unified Emergency Management (WUEM) uses various methods to notify the media and the public. One of those methods is a messaging system called AlertSense provided by MyStateUSA. AlertSense allows WUEM to send a message to an email address, as a text message to a phone, and/or as a voice message to a phone. [Click on this phone image to sign up.](#)



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### Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) News

Map Your Neighborhood provides a simple plan to help residents and their neighbors during the important first hours after a disaster until emergency services can reach them. While MYN was a result of physical disasters (hurricane, flood, earthquake) it is an excellent program for ANY disruption in our daily lives such as the current pandemic.

**A big thank you** to all the folks who have recently stepped up to be MYN leads for their small neighborhood areas! We'll coordinate additional trainings when volunteer MYN Leads are identified for the

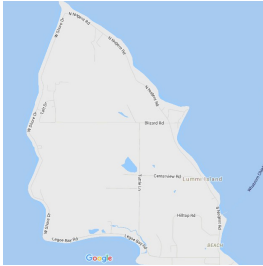


following neighborhoods:

**North End:** Legoe Bay, West Shore Drive, Beeman's Lane.

**Scenic Estates:** Beach Avenue, Jamison Road, Hales Passage, Dogwood Terrace, Rosewood Terrace, Scenic Avenue, Dana Circle / Island Drive.

If you know of someone who might be willing to take on a MYN Lead role in one of the above areas, please let Joan or Leslie know.



### MYN / Island Intercom Map

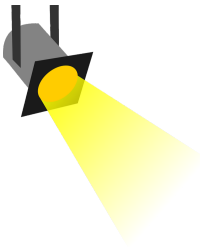
LIFD maintains an online map showing the locations of MYN area Leads, MURS stations, and pre-approved facilities that can serve as Red Cross shelters in the event they are needed. MURS (Multi Use Radio Service) is the Islands back-up communications system for LIFD to distribute and receive information to and from the community. <---[Click on this image to see the map.](#)



### MYN Scenic Estates (LISE) Community Map

Due to the large size and steep terrain of this neighborhood, we've added a second map to show details of the numerous MYN small area groups.

<---[Click on this image to see the map.](#)



## Spotlight - Disaster Preparation Tools

Here's a good place to share ideas that Lummi Island MYN Leads and their groups have come across, or created, to enhance their disaster readiness. Email Joan or Leslie with your idea and we'll share with other islanders.

A few good ideas to get us started:



### Waterproof "Grab & Go" Bag

Living on the southeast end of the island, Paul realizes that his best option may be to get down to the beach in the event of a wildfire. He purchased a 55 liter Earth Pak brand dry bag with back pack straps for about \$60. This bag is big enough to carry his evacuation supplies. [Click here for a list of recommended evacuation supplies](#) A variety of dry bag brands, sizes and prices are available on Amazon. Thanks for sharing your idea Paul!

### Metal Can for Disaster Supply Storage



Assembling critical supplies is one thing, keeping them intact, organized, safe from critters, and in an accessible location outside the home is another. Christine solved this challenge by purchasing a new metal garbage can to store her supplies. [Click this link for a list of recommended shelter in place supplies](#) She marked a cross on the side with red duct tape so that it's easily identifiable. Home Depot sells a 31 gallon metal garbage can for \$25. Thanks for sharing your idea Christine!

*Thank  
you*

for volunteering to make your neighborhood a safer place!

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## Be Safe, Be Firewise!

The National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) **Firewise** USA® program teaches people how to adapt to living with wildfire and encourages neighbors to work together and take action now to prevent losses.



Implementing Firewise actions at your home will increase the chances that firefighters will be able to try and protect your property during a wildfire.



**May 2nd is National Wildfire Prep Day**, Lummi Island will be participating - details to follow.

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### Resources:

[Lummi Island Survival In Isolation Brochure](#)  
[Lummi Island Tsunami Evacuation Brochure](#)  
[WA Emergency Management Emergency Preparedness Guide](#)  
[Preparing Homes For Wildfire](#)  
[A Guide To Firewise Principles](#)

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