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Map Your Neighborhood

Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) connects individual preparedness with preparedness in your neighborhood. Know who your neighbors are, who might need special assistance, and who might have special skills or equipment to help your neighbors in a disaster. When the emergency responders are overwhelmed, we will only have each other to rely on.

The 9-step program is easy and covers what to do both at home and then in your neighborhood in the first 60 minutes after disaster strikes. Practicing makes it even easier.

The “Map Your Neighborhood” program was developed in Washington state by LuAn Johnson, PhD of the Emergency Management Division and is endorsed by the American Red Cross. MYN is designed to bridge Community Emergency Response Team training (CERT) and individual preparedness.

MYN is implemented through an interactive meeting with 10–20 neighbors in one of their homes. A 9-step program is clearly laid out through informational videos that are watched and paused to develop simple maps and lists on the spot.

Everyone leaves with a custom booklet to keep under the bed for emergencies. The entire process takes only about 2-1/2 hours and participants leave both more prepared and better knowing their neighbors.

The 11 videos, featuring a neighborhood in Tigard, Oregon, are available on YouTube and listed below.