

The community of Keyport has participated in Kitsap County's neighborhood disaster preparedness program since 1993. Kitsap County's Department of Emergency Management encourages neighborhoods to prepare for earthquakes, winter storms, and other community disasters through a combination of individual preparedness and neighborhood organization. In a major disaster that damages or overtakes normal community services, neighbors are our most likely source of aid. A major earthquake is considered the largest disaster threat to our area.

### **Individual Preparedness**

Preparedness at the household level is central to Kitsap County's disaster planning. Individuals are encouraged to set aside enough food, water, medical supplies, and pet supplies to see their households through a **minimum of 72 hours** without water, electricity, gas service, or access to stores. In the aftermath of major hurricanes, recommendations for household preparedness were increased to **7 to 14 days** to account for how long it can take for government agencies to mobilize large efforts over a widespread area. So Keyport households are encouraged to store necessary supplies for at least 72 hours – and preferably 7 to 14 days.

Individual preparedness also includes knowing how to shut off your water supply, your gas meter, and your electrical service, if necessary for safety or preventing damage to your house. Maintaining CPR certification and keeping up to date on first aid training also increase individual preparedness.

### **Community Emergency Supplies and Assembly Areas**

Because our homes are supplied with food, water, tools, and supplies, we are not stockpiling supplies to fully feed or shelter our community.

However, we have stored extra first aid supplies, backboards, rolls of tape for marking hazards, and other community supplies in two small emergency sheds which are our community assembly areas in case of a major earthquake:

- 1) The Gazebo in Central Park at Pacific Ave. and Washington Ave.**
- 2) The plastic shed on Claire & Jason Ward's property at 15490 Cove Point Lane**

Five community search and rescue bags are stored in each shed. Each kit includes personal protection items (gloves, helmets, vests, dust masks and eye protection) to be used by volunteer response teams going door to door to check on neighbors after an earthquake. Basic first aid supplies for bandaging and splinting are included in the kits, as well as tools for shutting off utilities and marking hazards.

### **Community Inventory**

The Keyport Improvement Club maintains an inventory of residents with medical training, tools, and supplies that might be useful in responding to a large-scale emergency. In addition, we have a lending library of durable medical equipment for community use at any time.

~~The Keyport Bible Church stores packets of rice, lentils, and broth mix to serve 4,000 meals, in case of a large-scale emergency over an extended period of time.~~

## Communication

[Add information on MURS radios in the community and local HAM radio operators]

In case of a disaster where phones are not working, Kitsap County uses a network of amateur radio operators as an emergency communication system. The Keyport Fire Station at 1863 Pacific Ave. has a HAM radio antenna on the roof to keep the fire station in the county's emergency network. Also, the Poulsbo Fire Department vehicles at the fire station are all equipped with fire frequency radios for department use. Kitsap County Emergency Management will release information to local or Seattle radio stations:

<del>Local:</del>	<del>AM 1400</del>	<del>KITZ</del>	<del>AM 1610 Naval Base Kitsap</del>
Seattle:	AM 1000	KOMO	FM 97.3 KIRO

## What to Do During An Earthquake

<p><b>DROP, COVER, AND HOLD UNTIL THE SHAKING STOPS</b> <b>DO NOT try to get out of a building. Shelter in place.</b></p>
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### As soon as the shaking stops:

1. Keep yourself safe. Protect your head, feet, and hands while you check on all household members and the condition of your dwelling. Move slowly and carefully to avoid injury.
2. Fill your bathtub and/or other containers with water in case the water system has been damaged. Then shut off your whole house water system.
3. If your home uses propane or natural gas, sniff for the smell of gas and listen for hissing noises, which indicate a gas leak. **If you think you have a gas leak:**
  - DO NOT use phones or any electrical switches.
  - DO NOT smoke, light a match, or do anything that could create a spark.
  - Exit the house immediately, leaving the doors open.
  - Shut off your gas meter with a wrench.
4. **If you don't have a gas leak:**

Turn off your electrical system at the breaker box by first turning off all the individual circuit breakers and then turning off the main breaker.
5. Once you've checked your house and family members, if you are able, put a sign on your front door or window that either says **HELP** or **OK** to let your neighbors know your status.
6. If you have a fire extinguisher, set it on the road in front of your house. Fire prevention is especially important, since the 911 system, roads, fire stations, and water supplies may be disrupted.
7. Take leather gloves, dust masks, goggles, a flashlight, and first aid supplies and make your way carefully to the nearest Emergency Assembly Station. **Avoid downed power lines**, which are very dangerous and may be energized with no sign of being charged. Electricity can travel unexpected distances through the ground, especially in wet conditions. Also, as people begin to

use home generators, lines can be reenergized unintentionally by residential generators used without proper safety equipment. **Stay 50 feet away from all downed power lines.**

### **Keyport's Emergency Assembly Stations**

In the case of an emergency where phone and e-mail service are disrupted, we have two sites where people will meet to form into emergency response teams to check on our neighbors. Because it is possible that the high voltage power lines above Elwha Terrace could fall in a large earthquake, we have chosen Assembly Stations east and west of Elwha Terrace:

- 1) The Gazebo in Central Park at Pacific Ave. and Washington Ave.**
- 2) The plastic shed on Claire & Jason Ward's property at 15490 Cove Point Lane**

The Emergency Assembly Station at the Gazebo will become the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) for Keyport.

Resources of people and equipment will initially be dispatched from the emergency sheds at the Emergency Assembly Stations. At each shed, emergency teams will be formed and assigned a section of town to walk, house to house, to assess damage and injuries. Each team will have (if possible) a medical person as well as someone able to secure utilities and assess hazards before attempting to provide aid. Each team will take a search & rescue bag stored in the shed and ideally a third person as a walker to maintain communication with the shed manager. Teams will wear marked safety helmets and lime green or orange safety vests to identify themselves to community members.

A shed manager at each Assembly Station will maintain a map of completed searches, note damage and injuries discovered, keep records of the status of emergency response teams, and coordinate efforts.

~~Because the Fire Station in Keyport has a HAM radio antenna and may have fire department personnel on site,~~ it is expected communication with Kitsap County resources will be by HAM radio, with a HAM operator based at the gazebo at Central Park ~~Fire Station~~ on Pacific Ave. Efforts will be made to coordinate with Poulsbo Fire Department and with the Emergency Operations Center on Keyport's Navy Base to obtain information and resources for Keyport's needs.

After the emergency response teams have completed their house-to-house search and provided first aid to the injured, teams will return to the Assembly Stations to report their findings to the shed manager and help organize long-term plans to meet Keyport's needs, including:

- Ongoing medical care
- Shelter (especially if an earthquake occurs during cold weather)
- Water and food
- Sanitation
- Psychological aid
- Communication (within Keyport and with entities outside Keyport)
- General safety and temporary repairs

### **Winter Storm with Extended Power Outage**

The Recreation Building at Keyport Bible Church is designated as an **American Red Cross Warming Station**. If Keyport has a power outage lasting 12 or more hours during cold weather, the Warming Station may be opened during scheduled daytime hours to provide warm meals and

a warm place to spend the day. The Warming Station will also serve as an information center to assist people in solving the problems that power outages create. During a power outage, check for signs about the Warming Station at the Post Office, the Keyport Mercantile, Keyport Bible Church, Fire Station 73 on Pacific Ave. and the Continental Apartments.

**For more information on disaster preparedness**

Go to the website of Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management at <http://www.kitsapdem.org/> to find information about individual and community preparedness. Sign up for **Alert Sense** to receive Kitsap County emergency alerts and community notifications by cell phone or e-mail.

Go to <http://www.keyport98345.com/> for information on disaster preparedness and community events in Keyport.

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