

PREPARED NEIGHBORS

RESPONDING TOGETHER IN THE
FIRST HOUR FOLLOWING DISASTER

CARE & SHELTERING

Care for neighbors:

- With specific needs
- Who are elderly
- Who may be home alone
- With pets

SEARCH & AID

- Conduct a door-to-door check
- Provide aid to those in need
- Check on all OK/Help cards

COMMUNICATIONS

- Listen to AM/FM
Emergency Stations
- Establish a neighborhood
communication system

UTILITIES & SAFETY

- Shut off leaking natural gas
- Reduce the threat of fire
- Rope off hazards (downed power
lines, broken glass, etc.)

IT TAKES JUST **ONE** PERSON TO START,
& A SINGLE 90-MINUTE MEETING.

Our proven materials make
this easy!

CONTACT US FOR:

- The materials
- A neighborhood map
- A meeting facilitator



To learn more,
contact EMD

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NEIGHBORHOOD DISASTER PREPAREDNESS



READY YOUR LA NEIGHBORHOOD



To organize your neighborhood for disaster—
BEGIN HERE



WHY NEIGHBORHOODS?

Disasters overwhelm 9-1-1 emergency responders (medics, fire, & police). If you have a crisis—say a loved one is seriously injured—your best source of help will be your neighbors.

PLAN

THE GOLDEN HOUR:

The first 60 minutes following disasters are golden—for saving lives, reducing the severity of injuries, and decreasing property damage.



HOW BIG SHOULD MY NEIGHBORHOOD BE?

The size is determined by the **Golden Hour**.

Experience shows the ideal size for neighborhoods is:

Single-Family: 15–20 houses

Vertical Neighborhood:
the entire building

Less-Populated Neighborhood: 5–7 houses

Write your specific neighborhood boundaries here:

(For example: 1400–1498 Palm Blvd., Emergency Management Department [EMD] will need this information to prepare the map for your meeting).

CONNECT

CONTACT EMD

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- EMD will help you choose a meeting date, and will assign a facilitator to help you.
- Be ready to give EMD your neighborhood boundaries so they can prepare your neighborhood map.
- EMD will provide free materials:
 - Meeting invitations
 - Neighborhood Response Plans
 - OK/Help Cards
 - Maps of your neighborhood

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS

KEYS FOR SUCCESS:

- Hold a meeting at a home in your neighborhood.
- *Invite your neighbors in person.* Use the provided written invitation as a meeting reminder. A personal invite makes all the difference in encouraging your neighbors to come.
- Ask a neighbor or two to help you do the inviting.

MEET

HOLD A MYN (Map Your Neighborhood) MEETING

A 90-minute meeting teaches you what to do in the critical first hour following disasters.

You will:

- Learn the Neighborhood Response Plan.
- Complete a Skills & Equipment Inventory.
- Complete a Neighborhood Contact List, including neighbors with disabilities, those who are elderly, and homes with pets.
- Plan to conduct a walk-through in your neighborhood.

All will leave the meeting with:

- A Neighborhood Response Plan
- A neighborhood map
- An OK/Help card

AFTER YOUR MEETING

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- Schedule your neighborhood exercise as soon as possible by contacting EMD.

PREPARE

HOLD YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD EXERCISE

- Practice the Neighborhood Response Plan.
- Complete the Neighborhood Map by plotting the exact locations of all the natural gas meters.
- Discuss the neighborhood response to different disaster scenarios.

Already using MYN in your neighborhood?

Excellent!

Contact EMD to schedule your neighborhood exercise and to learn about other elements of preparedness in the RYLAN program.

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