



**CONNECTION
IS PROTECTION.**

**GET READY.
NEIGHBORHOOD
READY.**

CITY OF GRESHAM

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Stay close and friendly.

Connect in real time and online.

Make a neighborhood contact list.

Meet with your family.

Stock your house.

Make a go-kit.

Design against crime.

Do it now.

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THE POWER OF MANY



SECURITY IS SOCIAL.

When people come together – meet their neighbors, volunteer, join an online forum – they can help each other. They can serve as watchdog, pet sitter, handyman, visiting nurse. Neighbors know each other's names – and their cell phone numbers.

There really is strength in numbers. Organized neighborhoods, research shows, are less vulnerable to crime and more resilient when disaster strikes.

The City of Gresham's Neighborhood Ready program keeps Gresham strong by connecting neighbors so they can work together to deter crime, prepare for and respond to major storms, earthquakes and other emergencies, and clean up their neighborhood. And socialize. Connected neighborhoods are not only safe, they're fun.

If you're ready to connect to protect, this workbook is your guide.



Get started.

Say hello. That's the first step in building a safe and resilient neighborhood.

To connect in real time and online:

- **Join** your neighborhood association. Gresham has 16 active groups. To find yours, see the neighborhood association page on GreshamOregon.gov/Neighborhoods
- **Attend** a meeting of the Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations – a unified voice for all City neighborhood associations – on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at City Hall, located at 1333 N.W. Eastman Parkway.
- **Organize** your neighborhood to meet two to three times a year. One good time to meet is the first Tuesday in August, which is National Night Out. This is a great time to host a barbeque or picnic or block party to bring everyone together. It's also a great way to welcome new neighbors, and meet with local law enforcement and fire staff.
- Other ways to stay close and friendly:**
 - **Host** a neighborhood or park clean up.
 - **Hold** a neighborhood yard sale.
 - **Organize** a house number project to ensure numbers are visible on all homes.

• **Follow** the City of Gresham on social media to learn more about your community and meet your neighbors.



Facebook

Keep in touch daily with your City.



Twitter

Get City news in 140 characters or less.



YouTube

Watch and share Gresham videos.



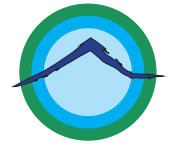
NextDoor

It's the free, private social network for neighborhoods.



PublicAlerts.org

Community notification system that sends you a text, call or email.



My Gresham

City app for service requests, disaster damage reports and general Police and Fire information.

Neighborhood Connections

City of Gresham e-newsletter

• **Sign up** for Neighborhood Connections, the City of Gresham's electronic newsletter, at GreshamOregon.gov/NeighborhoodConnections

Technology provides some of the best protection around. Here are a few tools and tips:



• **Buy** a device that charges your cell phone when the power is out. A charging case or spare external battery can extend your phone's battery life, but those devices eventually run out of power too.

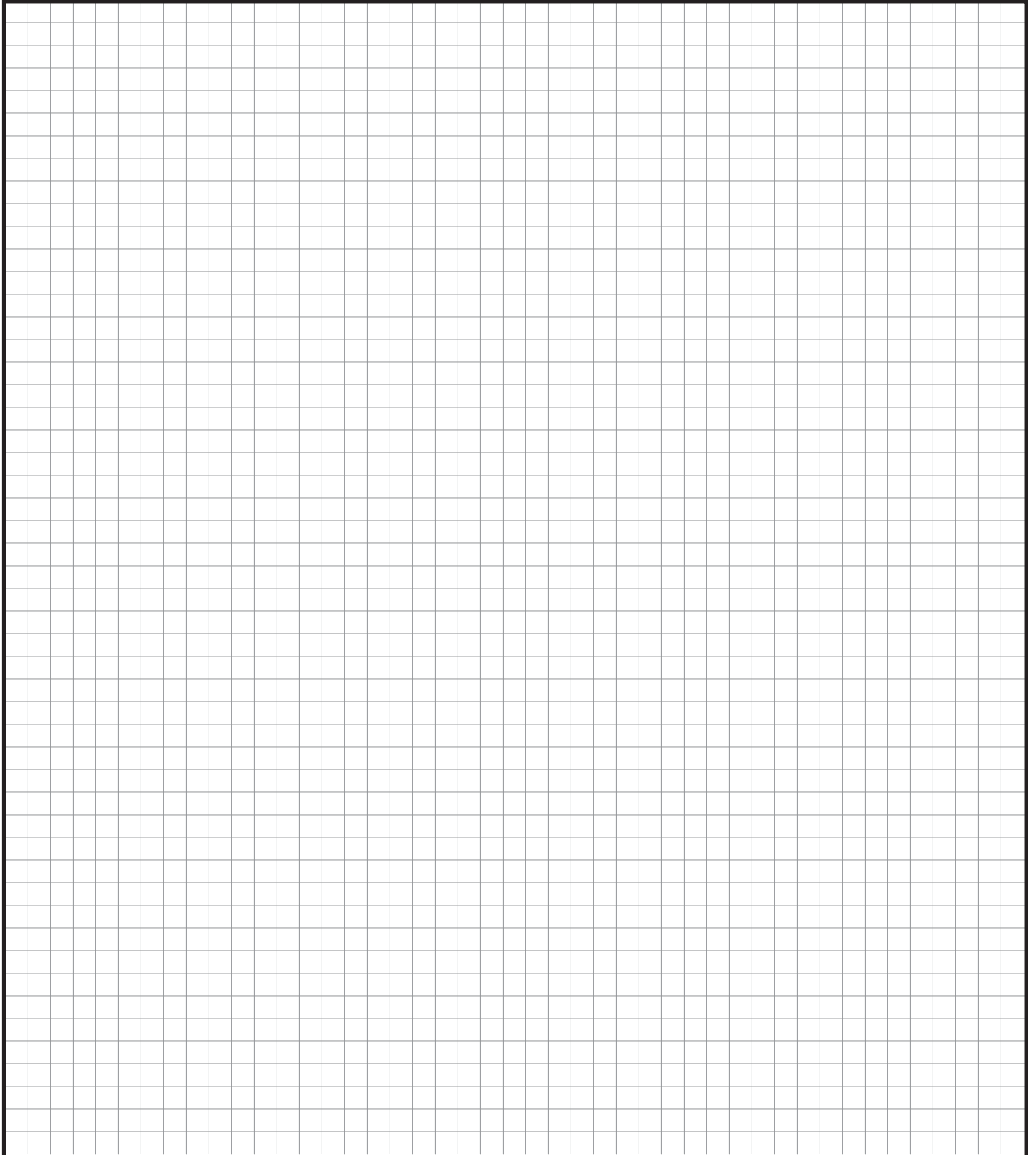
• **Purchase** a hand-crank charger, or a device that charges with solar power or a disposable fuel cell.



Make a map

Attach a map of the neighborhood to this grid. You can find a map of your neighborhood on Google Maps. If you live in an apartment, sketch a map of your floor.

Add house or apartment numbers if necessary, and any major landmarks. Number the houses or apartments so you can correlate them with the contact list on the next page.



YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CONTACT LIST

HOUSE 1: ADDRESS

Adults: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	
Children: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Special skills: _____	Special skills: _____
Pets: _____		

HOUSE 2: ADDRESS

Adults: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	
Children: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Special skills: _____	Special skills: _____
Pets: _____		

HOUSE 3: ADDRESS

Adults: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	
Children: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Special skills: _____	Special skills: _____
Pets: _____		

HOUSE 4: ADDRESS

Adults: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	
Children: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Special skills: _____	Special skills: _____
Pets: _____		

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CONTACT LIST

HOUSE 5: ADDRESS

Adults: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	
Children: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Special skills: _____	Special skills: _____
Pets: _____		

HOUSE 6: ADDRESS

Adults: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	
Children: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Special skills: _____	Special skills: _____
Pets: _____		

HOUSE 7: ADDRESS

Adults: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	
Children: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Special skills: _____	Special skills: _____
Pets: _____		

HOUSE 8: ADDRESS

Adults: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	
Children: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Special skills: _____	Special skills: _____
Pets: _____		

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CONTACT LIST

HOUSE 9: ADDRESS

Adults: _____ _____ _____	Phone: _____ Phone: _____ Phone: _____	Email: _____ Email: _____ _____
Children: _____ _____ _____	Phone: _____ Phone: _____ Special skills: _____ _____	Email: _____ Email: _____ Special skills: _____ _____
Pets: _____ _____		

HOUSE 10: ADDRESS

Adults: _____ _____ _____	Phone: _____ Phone: _____ Phone: _____	Email: _____ Email: _____ _____
Children: _____ _____ _____	Phone: _____ Phone: _____ Special skills: _____ _____	Email: _____ Email: _____ Special skills: _____ _____
Pets: _____ _____		

HOUSE 11: ADDRESS

Adults: _____ _____ _____	Phone: _____ Phone: _____ Phone: _____	Email: _____ Email: _____ _____
Children: _____ _____ _____	Phone: _____ Phone: _____ Special skills: _____ _____	Email: _____ Email: _____ Special skills: _____ _____
Pets: _____ _____		

HOUSE 12: ADDRESS

Adults: _____ _____ _____	Phone: _____ Phone: _____ Phone: _____	Email: _____ Email: _____ _____
Children: _____ _____ _____	Phone: _____ Phone: _____ Special skills: _____ _____	Email: _____ Email: _____ Special skills: _____ _____
Pets: _____ _____		

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CONTACT LIST

HOUSE 13: ADDRESS

Adults: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
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_____	Phone: _____	
Children: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Special skills: _____	Special skills: _____
Pets: _____		

HOUSE 14: ADDRESS

Adults: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	
Children: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
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_____	Special skills: _____	Special skills: _____
Pets: _____		

HOUSE 15: ADDRESS

Adults: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	
Children: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Special skills: _____	Special skills: _____
Pets: _____		

HOUSE 16: ADDRESS

Adults: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
_____	Phone: _____	
Children: _____	Phone: _____	Email: _____
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_____	Special skills: _____	Special skills: _____
Pets: _____		

Neighborhood Ready contact tree

Use this contact tree to communicate neighborhood activity to the group. During a disaster, use the contact tree as a neighborhood response plan. The Block Captain will act as the Team Leader for this response and their home will be the designated meeting location for the teams.

BLOCK CAPTAIN

Name
Phone
House #

BLOCK CAPTAIN DISASTER ASSIGNMENTS

Initiate contact tree.
Listen to radio and relay information to teams.
Give new assignments as necessary.

TEAM 1

TEAM 2

TEAM 3

Name
Phone
House #

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TEAM 1 ASSIGNMENTS

Check on neighbors who have specific needs and begin checking all neighbors.
Report status to Block Captain.

TEAM 2 ASSIGNMENTS

Size up the neighborhood and control any utility issues to prevent potential fires.
Report status to Block Captain.

TEAM 3 ASSIGNMENTS

Check all homes that have displayed the HELP card.
Administer first aid if needed.
Report status to Block Captain.

DESIGN AGAINST CRIME

Consider this equation when thinking about crime prevention:

Ability + Desire + Opportunity = Crime

We can't control ability and desire. If someone wants to commit a crime, they will.

Opportunity is the area, however, that we can act on. By removing or reducing the opportunity for a crime to take place, we decrease our chances of being victims.

On the following pages are simple steps to take to make your home and neighborhood less desirable for criminal activity and more resilient following an emergency or disaster.

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."
— Henry Ford



Partners in the fight against crime

The Gresham Police Department in 2014 created the **Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET)**

to respond to neighborhood complaints about transients, abandoned properties, drug dealing, chronic noise, and issues that have a significant, negative effect on quality of life. The team answers livability calls so that other officers aren't pulled away from emergencies.

One service the NET provides is a "crime prevention through environmental design" assessment for apartment managers, neighborhood groups, and more.

To contact the NET, call 503-618-2638 or NET@GreshamOregon.gov

Check locks, lights and more

Criminals prefer low-risk situations and public visibility increases the chances a perpetrator will be caught. These measures are simple, inexpensive to implement and will have a much more positive effect on residents than gates and bars.

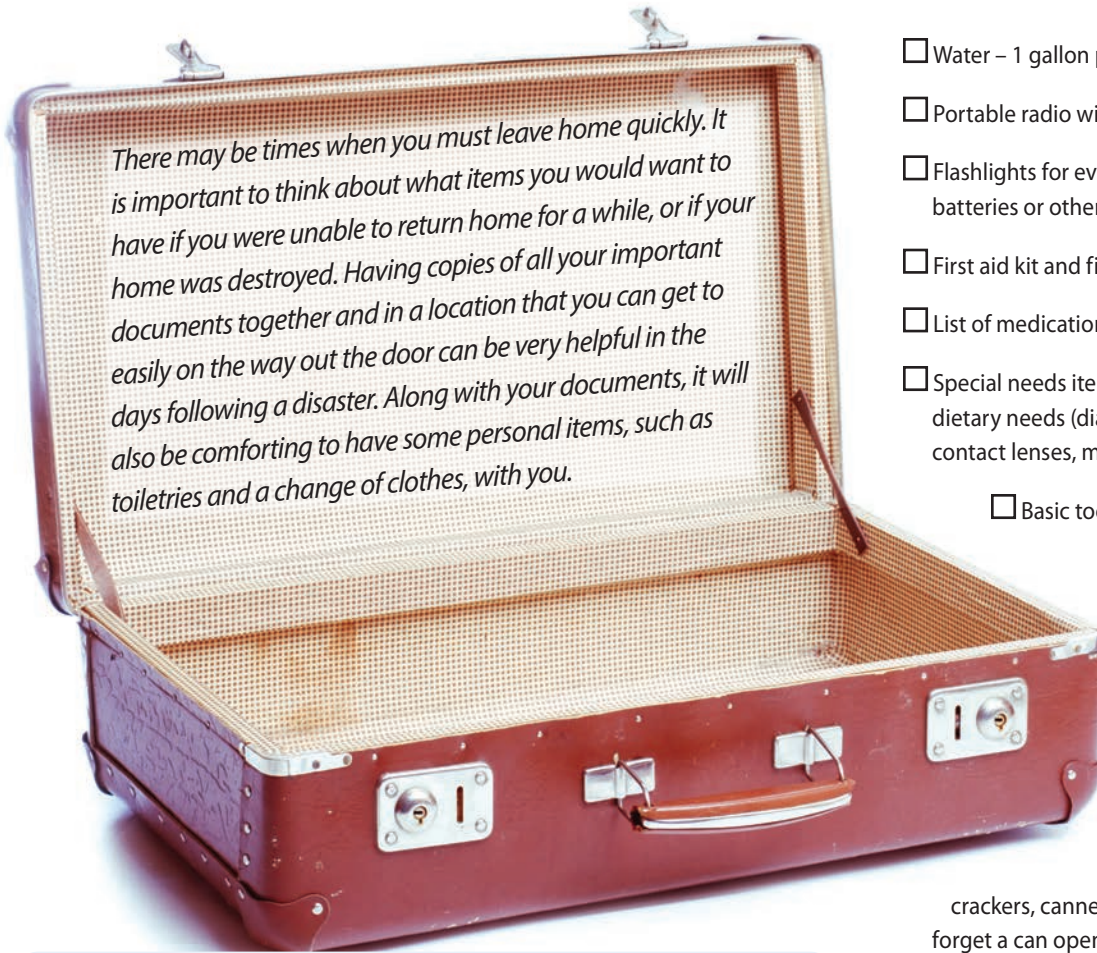
- **Good lighting** is one of the most effective crime deterrents. When used properly, light discourages criminal activity, enhances natural surveillance opportunities, and reduces fear.
- **The type and quantity of light** required will vary from application to application, but the goal remains the same in all cases. To the degree possible, a constant level of light providing reasonably good visibility should be maintained at night. The object is to light up the criminal without spotlighting the victim.
- **The street address** should be clearly visible from the street with numbers a minimum of five inches high and made of reflective material, or lit up at night.
- **The front door** should be at least partially visible from the street.
- **Sliding glass doors** should have one permanent door on the outside, the inside moving door should have a locking device and a pin.
- **Interior doors** that connect a garage to a building should have a single cylinder deadbolt.
- **All windows** should have locks.
- **Windows** on all sides of the house should provide full visibility of the property.
- **All doorways** that open to the outside should be well lit.
- **Properly maintained landscaping** provides maximum viewing to and from the house.
- **Property lines** and private areas should be defined by planting, pavement treatments or fences.
- **Door locks** should be located a minimum of 40 inches from adjacent windows.
- **Front porches** or stoops create a transitional area between the street and the home.
- **Exterior doors** should be hinged on the inside and should have a single cylinder deadbolt lock with a minimum one-inch throw.
- **The driveway** should be visible from either the front door or at least one window.
- **Walkways and landscaping** direct visitors to the proper entrance and away from private areas.



Review your safety checklist

- Make sure your house number is well lit and clearly visible from the street at night.
- Place outdoor lights to illuminate the walls and entrance points of your house and not blind passersby.
- Leave your porch lights on at night.
- Prune shrubs away from doors and windows and up from the ground, to allow natural surveillance and prevent hiding places.
- Trim hedges and prune trees to keep sight lines clear into and out of your property. Do you have fences that allow others to keep an eye on your property?
- Equip all doors and windows with an additional lock. Are door frames reinforced with high security strike plates and three inch screws?
- Have you changed the locks since you moved in?
- If there are no windows near your doors, equip the doors with wide angle (180 degree) eye hole viewers.
- Secure your ladders so they can't be used to gain access to upper story windows.
- Make sure your drain pipes, trellises, garage roofs, trees or fences cannot be used to gain entrance to upper story windows.

Plan ahead: Create a Go-Kit



There may be times when you must leave home quickly. It is important to think about what items you would want to have if you were unable to return home for a while, or if your home was destroyed. Having copies of all your important documents together and in a location that you can get to easily on the way out the door can be very helpful in the days following a disaster. Along with your documents, it will also be comforting to have some personal items, such as toiletries and a change of clothes, with you.

Stocking up now on emergency supplies can add to your family's safety and comfort during and after a disaster. Store enough supplies for at least three days, preferably seven days. Make note of items you need to buy. If you do not have the first four items on the list on the right, get them as soon as possible.

- Water – 1 gallon per person per day
- Portable radio with batteries (or crank for charging)
- Flashlights for every member of your household with batteries or other charging mechanism
- First aid kit and first aid manual
- List of medications and doctor info
- Special needs items – Baby items, foods for special dietary needs (diabetics), supplies for dentures and contact lenses, mobility devices.
- Basic tool kit
- Sanitation supplies – large plastic trash bags, household bleach, rubber gloves, and dust masks.
- Food – Choose foods your family will eat and that do not require refrigeration. Examples include protein and fruit bars, dried fruit, nuts, peanut butter, crackers, canned juices and canned food (don't forget a can opener).
- Documents that you should have copies of include: Insurance policies, driver's license or other photo ID, bank account information, credit card information, financial records, inventory of home possessions
- Cash and travelers checks

Preparing for your pets

If you have pets you need to make sure you have thought of what you will do if you need to evacuate. The following items are critical if you must evacuate with your pet:

- Carrier
- Collar, leash and ID
- Pet food/water
- Medicine



Stock your home

ESSENTIAL



USEFUL



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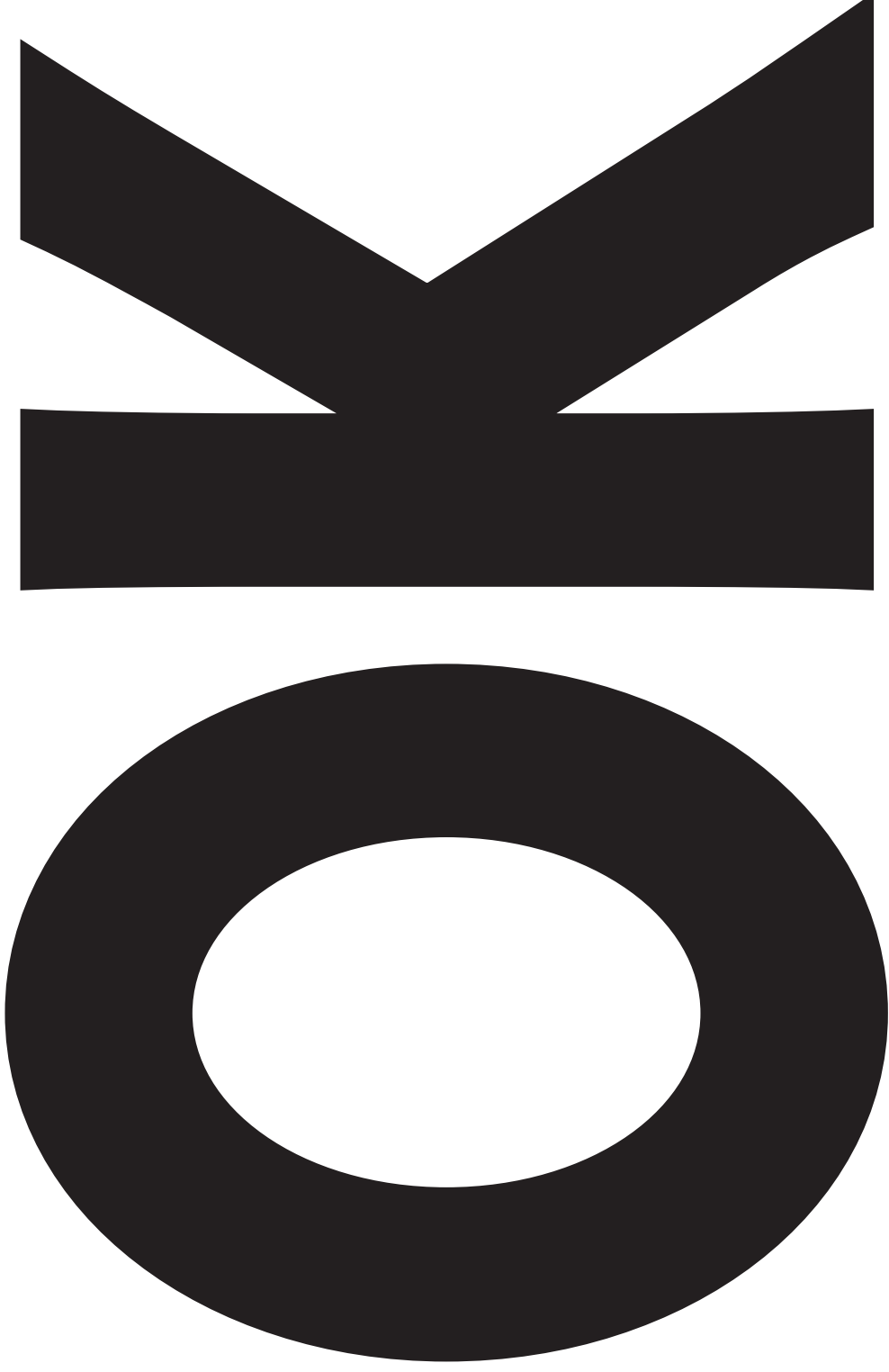
Search and Rescue Alert

HELP

Let your neighbors know if you need help or not. Place the appropriate side of this sign in your window. This will save valuable time after an earthquake.

This sign alerts Neighborhood Search and Rescue Teams only. Displaying this sign does not imply Police or Fire Service will respond.

Search and Rescue Alert

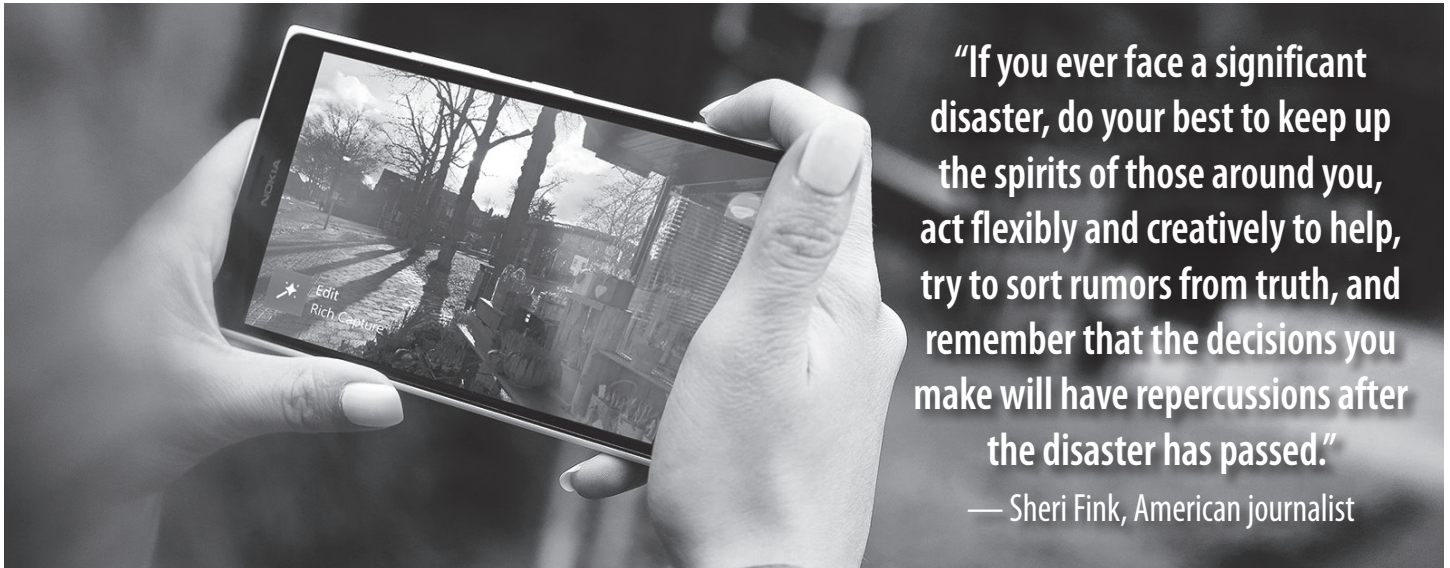


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Assessing damage

In a significant disaster, the City needs damage reports from each of its neighborhoods to assist with developing an overall assessment of the city.



When connectivity is available, Neighborhood Captains should submit these assessments using the City's My Gresham information-reporting tool, which is available to the public by computer, smartphone or tablet. Use My Gresham to share photos of the damage with City staff. (Details at GreshamOregon.gov/MyGresham)

When connectivity is not available, use the following form and deliver the information to your nearest Fire Station.

NEIGHBORHOOD DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FOR NEIGHBORHOOD _____

Date: _____

Address of Neighborhood Captain: _____

Number of households included in this assessment: _____

Number of households: _____

- Showing minor damage _____
- Showing major damage _____
- Destroyed _____
- Inaccessible for assessment _____

GRESHAM AREA FIRE STATIONS*

1. Station 71
1331 NW Eastman Parkway
Gresham, OR 97030
2. Station 72
500 NE Kane Dr.
Gresham, OR 97030
3. Station 73
2301 SW Pleasant View Dr.
Gresham, OR 97080
4. Station 31
1927 SE 174th Ave.
Portland, OR 97233
5. Station 75
600 SE Cherry Park Rd.
Troutdale, OR 97060



Location of current road blockages and other notable hazards (broken water mains, downed power lines, fallen trees, landslides, etc.):

Road Blockages _____

Other Hazards _____

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