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Map Your Neighborhood



- Remember -
*In a disaster your most immediate source of help
are the neighbors living around you.*



Neighborhoods that are prepared for emergencies and disaster situations save lives, reduce the severity of injuries and trauma, and reduce property damage. In addition, contributing as an individual and working together as a team helps develop stronger communities and improve the quality of life in the community.

Invite your neighbors to join you at your house for a 90-minute neighborhood meeting. Together, you will learn the following vital techniques to make your home and neighborhood safer:

- Learn the first **9 Steps to Take Immediately Following a Disaster** to secure your home and protect your neighborhood. It is hard to think clearly following disaster. These steps will help you to quickly and safely take actions that can minimize damage and protect lives.
- Identify the **Skills and Equipment Inventory** each neighbor has that are useful in an effective disaster response. Knowing which neighbors have supplies and skills ensures a timely response to a disaster and allows everyone to contribute to the response in a meaningful way.
- Create a **Neighborhood Map** identifying the locations of natural gas and propane tanks for quick response if needed.
- Create a **Neighborhood Contact List** that identified those with specific needs such as the elderly, those with a disability, or homes where children may be alone during certain hours of the day. Work together as a team to evaluate your neighborhood after a disaster and take the necessary actions.
- Learn how to effectively make use of the precious **“Golden Hour”** immediately following a disaster to do the most good for the most people when minutes can count.

For information on how to register for a “Map Your Neighborhood” presentation in your neighborhood, please visit our website: [SantaCruzCounty CERT.org](http://SantaCruzCountyCERT.org) and click on the “Resources” link.