



## Sequence for preparing your neighborhood

1. **I'm only just contacting people in my neighborhood**
  - o Sample letter
  - o Why South Whidbey Prepares?
  - o Eventually Nick's presentation to ground folks in the notion the cavalry isn't coming
  - o Fire Forecasts for summer 2025
2. **We are ready for our get-to-know-each-other meeting**
  - o Sample 1<sup>st</sup> meeting design;
  - o Some sample questions you can use to help folks gauge their curiosity
  - o Watch Scott's video together <https://www.bainbridgeprepares.org/model>
  - o Listen to this 6-minute NPR report  
<https://www.npr.org/2011/07/04/137526401/the-key-to-disaster-survival-friends-and-neighbors#:~:text=The%20Key%20To%20Disaster%20Survival.Pals%2C%20Neighbors%20:%20NPR&text=Hourly%20News-,The%20Key%20To%20Disaster%20Survival>
  - o Pass out Map Your Neighborhood brochures
  - o Encourage folks to read Scott's book, Prepared Neighborhoods
3. **We are ready to map our resources/assets**
  - o Collect and re-distribute to all households your Map Your Neighborhood answers
  - o Sample house diagram to show main shut off valves
  - o Perhaps Pass out CERTriangles instead of MYN signs Need Help, OK
  - o Consider making a google map of neighborhood homes with contact info and addresses
  - o Register your neighborhood with the county.  
<https://www.cognitofirms.com/islandcounty1/readynighborssignup>
4. **We are ready to start provisioning ourselves**
  - o Conduct household readiness assessment
  - o Start collecting supplies: here are 2 models. There are myriad more on line and we will be developing our own over the summer 2025
    - Two-week Ready from our fire department
    - A month-by-month readiness plan –Bainbridge's or the federal one
5. **Our relationships are strengthening - we recognize and greet each other at the grocery store**
  - o Congratulations – you have probably already done the hardest work
  - o If you aren't already, sign up for Alert Sense - <https://public.alertsense.com/SignUp/>
6. **We are ready to create our radio network and want to conduct a check-in with Island ARC**
  - o This information will be ready for sharing later this summer, 2025
7. **We have our evacuation and shelter-in-place plans**
  - o There is a team working on evacuation recommendations – we will share as soon as it is available
  - o Congratulations – you are almost ready!
  - o How can you involve more neighborhoods around you? We are a long way from having all 15,000 residents engaged. If they aren't ready, our jobs protecting each other will be even larger
8. **We are ready to participate in an emergency drill**

- o date & instructions how to participate – next *Shake Out* is Oct 12, 2025

**9. We each have a full four month's provisions**

- o Congratulations

**10. We have (at least) annual renewal meetings to refresh our community connections/ resilience**

- o Congratulations again... Now, who else can we engage?