

Preparedness begins with hello!

Neighbour-to-Neighbour Chat

Step 1: Reach out!

Take the opportunity to chat with your neighbours and invite them to participate in the Neighbour-to-Neighbour Preparedness Plan.



Introduce yourself and talk about why you're personally interested in building social connections and emergency preparedness among your neighbours.



You may choose to do this all at once or in stages, it's up to you! You can also organize a Party-with-a-Purpose to gather this information!



Show them Connect & Prepare information about the program and explain how connecting with their neighbours will benefit them and their loved ones.



Describe what took place at the Connect & Prepare gatherings and the plan you hope to create together as neighbours to be more resilient.

Step 2: Neighbour Questionnaire

Have a chat to learn more about and connect with your neighbours.

1. Would you be comfortable sharing your contact information with neighbours and/or being a part of a buddy system with one or two neighbours?

Yes - contact list

Yes - buddy system

No

Comments:

2. Would you be willing to help a neighbour who might need some form of assistance in an emergency?

Yes

No

Maybe

List:

3. Is there were an emergency or crisis, are there neighbours you'd feel comfortable asking for help (e.g. with assistance evacuating, obtaining supplies)?

Yes No Somewhat

Comments:

4. Is there anything you'd want some of your neighbours to know about your needs so they could assist you better?

Yes No Maybe

List:

STEP 3: Inventory

We know that it is important for everyone to be individually prepared for emergencies (share emergency checklists if they would like this information).

However, due to constraints in time, space, and money this is not always easy. Tell them how you and your neighbours plan to create a storage bin of shared supplies to help neighbours be more collectively prepared.

First, find out what skills and supplies individuals and families might be willing to share with their neighbours. From there you can find out what's missing and what supplies should be in the shared emergency kit.



5. Does your household have a personal emergency kit?

a. “Grab and Go” Kit

A disaster could force you to spend an extended time away from home. Ahead of time, you should put together an easily accessible small Grab & Go Bags with enough food, water and personal supplies that will enable you to be as comfortable as possible for at least 6 –12 hours. Every person and pet in your family should have a bag with basic survival supplies and other items that meet their personal needs.

Yes No Somewhat

Comments:

b. “Shelter in Place” Kit

After a disaster, it’s best to remain in your own home if you can do so safely. You will need supplies for cooking, making temporary repairs and providing comfort for your family for at least 7 days. The emergency supplies should be kept separate from the things you normally use, to ensure they are available and in working order.

- Yes No Somewhat

Comments:

6. Which of the following do you have and would be willing to share with your neighbours? You don’t have to be an emergency professional, everyone has skills or useful knowledge to contribute:

Skills/Knowledge (such as...):

- First Aid and other health/wellness skills
- Organizing and leadership skills
- Camping experience, outdoor skills, cooking, food preserving skills
- Handy person, electrical, plumbing, construction, carpentry skills
- Child care, pet care, elder care skills
- Other:

Equipment/Supplies (such as...):

- Water - storage, purification
- Cooking equipment - BBQ, camp stove, fuel
- First aid supplies
- Communication - Radio, walkie talkie
- Heat - sleeping bags, bedding, blankets, clothing
- Shelter - tents, tarps, rope, plastic sheeting
- Safety gear - hard hats, gloves, goggles, dust masks, vests, fire extinguisher
- Pet supplies
- Transportation - vehicle, bike, trailer
- Light - flashlights, lantern, headlights
- Tools - ladder, wheelbarrow, buckets, shovels, chainsaw, hand tools
- Power - generator, inverter
- Other: