

Would You Panic or Know What To Do?

DID YOU VISIT?

*As recommended in the
February, 2015, EPC Bulletin...*

1. CERPP at cerpp.org to learn about neighborhood preparation
2. smcalert.info to register for timely information during and after a disaster
3. Rapid Notify at woodside.town.org/community/rapid-notify-self-registration to register your cell or unlisted number to be notified early of emergencies in your area
4. myfiredispatch.com to get real-time information about WFD incidents in your area
5. woodsidetown.org/emergencyservices for two clicks that will get you started

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**Registration at these sites takes
only minutes!**

**5 websites, 1 per day.
A set for this week! Easy!**

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7:40 a.m. You're driving north on Cañada Road toward the 280 onramp. Your cell rings, abruptly stops and the road ripples out in front of you. Your car is slammed from behind, into the embankment. No one is behind you or even nearby.

What would you do?

3:33 p.m. You're in the market checkout line. You feel unsteady, disoriented, and hear cans and bottles crashing. Someone ahead of you says, "I'm dizzy," and starts to fall.

What would you do?

9:55 p.m. Smiling, you've picked up your waking baby and walked by the moonlit window. The house jolts, shudders and continues to shake. You hear stones crashing onto the patio and glass shattering in the house. Your seven-year-old cries out.

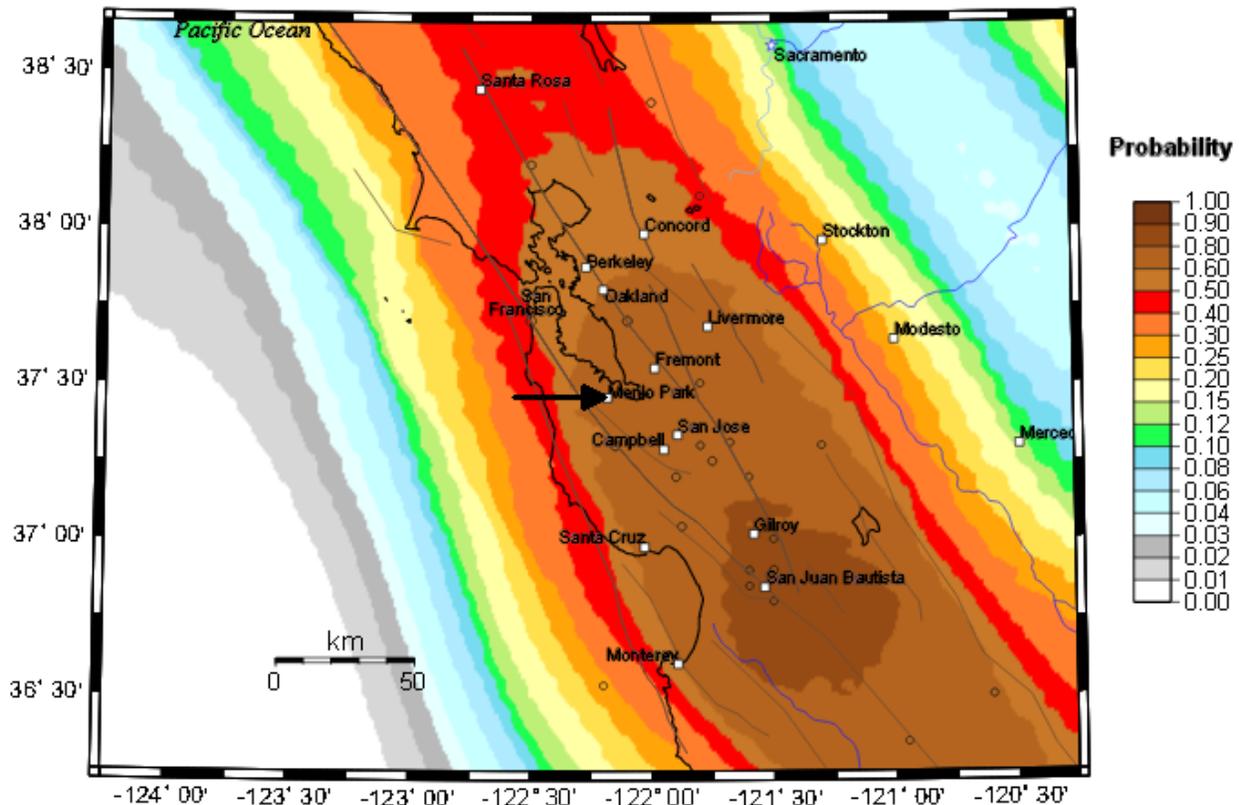
What would you do?

*Experience tells us
if you're prepared,
you won't panic and will
weather a
disaster more successfully.*

FROM USGS...

Probability of earthquake with $M > 5.0$ within 10 years & 50 km

Site: REDWOOD CITY CA.



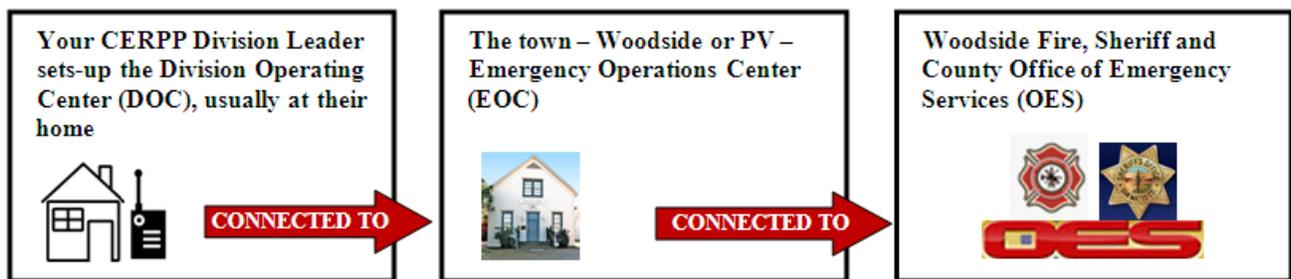
You're at home. The earth shakes violently. *What do you do next?*

1. Drop, Cover & Hold. Stay/get to a safe place until the shaking stops. ***This you remember!***
Then what?
2. Assess the immediate damage. Are you injured? Is anyone in your family injured? What about your home? Is there a gas leak? Water leak? Is the house on its foundation? Do the problems in your home require your assistance? Is it safe to venture out and check on your neighbors?

Before you leave home... Ensure the safety of your family; inspect your house for damage; inspect your utilities and secure them **as necessary**. **There is no need to turn off gas, water or electricity unless they're broken, your house is damaged, or you're instructed to by fire or public utility officials.** Follow the plan you and your family have created. Then connect with your neighborhood leader and join with a team to assess your neighborhood.

3. Join with a neighbor to do a Quick Survey (sometimes called a Windshield Survey, although you may be on foot.) You and your neighbor(s) can quickly assess your area for problems with people, structures and the environment. Through CERPP and your CERPP Division, you can learn how to use radios to report problems to the Emergency Operations Center in your CERPP division. Remember phones – cell and land lines – may be swamped and are likely to be down. The Quick Survey is important for assessing the neighborhood rapidly and reporting the location(s) and extent of injuries, property damage, road blockages, threats from fire and other problems, as well as helping prioritize emergency response.

Each CERPP Division has a radio network for communication. Here's how it works.



4. Your division can set up a center for CERPP radio communication and establish a place(s) where neighbors can obtain information and volunteer to help, a place for injury treatment, house(s) where children can gather safely, and fenced yard(s) where stray animals can be kept. Not everyone will contribute, but everyone in your neighborhood can benefit.

Here's how to determine your Division. Contact your Division Leader to help out!

On the cerpp.org homepage, scan across the top and click on Divisions. You'll see a map of the Woodside Fire Protection District with 25 Divisions based loosely on natural geographical boundaries, major roads, pre-existing homeowners' associations and/or neighborhoods. CERPP divisions are numbered and named as follows.

1. [Vista Verde](#)
2. [Los Trancos](#)
3. [Blue Oaks](#)
4. [PV Ranch](#)
5. [Sequoias](#)
6. [Brookside](#)
7. [Alpine Hills](#)
8. [Family Farm](#)
9. [Westridge](#)
10. [Ladera](#)
11. [Woodside South](#)
12. [Cañada East](#)
13. [Woodside Glens](#)
14. [Woodside Heights](#)
15. [Woodside Hills](#)
16. [Woodside Highlands](#)
17. [Skyline](#)
18. [Old La Honda](#)
19. [Skywood Acres](#)
20. [Bear Gulch](#)
21. [Woodside West](#)
22. [Woodside North](#)
23. [Emerald Hills WS](#)
24. [Emerald Hills RWC](#)
25. [Rapley Trail](#)

Click your neighborhood to see the Division Leader. You may find your Division doesn't have a leader. Please step up! Join with another neighbor to get started. You'll learn a lot. If you have a leader, contact her/him to find out how you can help. The advantage of working within your neighborhood is – as the song goes – you know the territory. You'll also get to know your neighbors and learn how to be prepared.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CERPP AND WHY IT MATTERS TO YOU?



The Citizens Emergency Response and Preparedness Program was established in 1997 by residents to promote community-based, disaster preparedness and response in the Woodside Fire Protection District. This district includes the Towns of Woodside, Portola Valley and the unincorporated areas of Ladera, Vista Verde, Los Trancos Woods, and Emerald Hills.

Many residents realized a major earthquake, wild land fire, torrential storm (remember those?), landslide, or a confluence of smaller events could overwhelm our resources. To protect residents, we formed an organization of neighbors to educate ourselves about disasters and how to mitigate their impact. CERPP works with WFPD and the towns to identify issues we will face in a disaster and to organize neighborhoods toward best practices to survive them.



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ORGANIZATION, SUPPLIES, TRAINING

- 1. Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)** is a six-week course offered by Woodside Fire. Go to cerpp.org, click “Classes and Training,” and click “CERT” for details. The final, practical exam on a Saturday is the highlight for most participants. Enroll by contacting Selena Brown at sbrown@woodsidefire.org. A \$25 fee is refundable once you’ve completed the course. The next evening session starts in July, date TBA, in Portola Valley.
- 2. Family and Friends CPR** is for those who don’t need a course-completion card for their job. This course is ideal for schools, students, new parents, grandparents, and childcare providers. Ninety-minute classes are offered at WFPD Station 19, 4091 Jefferson Ave., Redwood City, on:
May 16, June 20, July 18 and August 15.
- 3. Organizing your Neighborhood.** If you do not live in an active CERPP Division, talk with your neighbors about the importance of avoiding chaos and being prepared to help when the inevitable earthquake strikes or the threat of a wild land fire looms. To get started or to revitalize your CERPP Division, you can contact Selena Brown at sbrown@woodsidefire.org to request CERPP representatives attend a meeting of neighbors to offer suggestions. CERT training is a great resource, not only to learn emergency preparedness but to see firsthand the benefits of a trained, organized response. The CERPP website at cerpp.org has specific materials and exercises that can be downloaded to practice disaster response.
- 4. Individual preparation is still key.** You’ve heard of having water and food available for three days but many believe in a major disaster we need a seven-day supply of food and water. If you have not already done so, review the February EPC Bulletin. Make sure your family has a plan you have discussed and agreed upon.

WOODSIDE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE (EPC)

The EPC is a Woodside committee appointed by the Woodside Town Council. The Committee is generally charged with increasing the emergency preparedness of residents and the town.

The EPC meets on the second Wednesday of every month, 5:30 pm, in Independence Hall. The public is welcome to attend and offer suggestions. Please give us your ideas about how Woodside can be better prepared for emergencies. E-mail Janet Koelsch, jkoelsch@woodsidetown.org. If you wish to participate on the EPC, please apply at Town Hall.

PROGRAMS FOR YOU FROM WFPD AND CERPP!

FREE SMOKE ALARM AND INSTALLATION PROGRAM

The goal of this program is to increase the number of residences with working smoke alarms at NO COST to the resident (up to three per household). The free smoke alarm is a Kidde Model i9010, powered by a ten-year, sealed lithium battery, which will be properly installed in your home.

To receive a free smoke alarm and installation, contact Joe Coleman, CERPP Representative, 650-575-3000 or joe.coleman@earthlink.net

For questions regarding smoke alarm installation program, contact Selena Brown, CERPP liaison with WFPD, 650 423-1406 or sbrown@woodsidefire.org

Funding for this program is provided in part by generous contributions of fire district residents and businesses through the Woodside-Portola Valley Fire Protection Foundation.

THE CHIPPER PROGRAM

In May, WFPD continues its Chipper Program in conjunction with the Town of Woodside and the Town of Portola Valley. This is a fuel-reduction program to help decrease our community’s threat from wildfire. With a grant from the Fireman's Fund and funding by the Woodside-Portola Valley Fire Foundation, WFPD now has two wood chippers which are used to chip vegetation removed by homeowners. Chipping is conducted by Fire Protection District crews and CAL FIRE hand crews. Fuels such as brush, tree limbs, and branches with diameters up to 8" are acceptable. The Fire District requests all materials to be chipped be curbside on your designated neighborhood day. Branches must be stacked in a neat pile with all cut ends facing the road. Piles are limited to 10' wide by 10' long. Brush will be chipped back onto the site, except in certain areas.

ABSOLUTELY NO Eucalyptus bark, poison oak, man-made materials, lumber, nails or screws, which can damage the chipper, injure the personnel, or both.

For questions regarding chipping contact Denise Enea, Fire Marshal, WFPD, 650-851-6260, 650-366 -1973, denea@woodsidefire.org.

CHIPPING DATES *NOTE: Woodside CERPP divisions are in bold.*

<i>Division</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>Date</i>
Vista Verde, Los Tracos, Blue Oaks	May 6	Woodside Highlands	Aug 10
Portola Valley Ranch, Sequoias /Brookside	May 12	Emerald Hills WDS	Aug 17
Woodside South	May 18	Woodside West and North	Aug 24
Old La Honda, Skyline	June 1	Portola Valley Ranch	Sept 14
Alpine Hills, Family Farm	June 8	Emerald Hills RWC	Sept 21
Cañada East	June 15	Woodside Hills	Sept 28
Westridge	June 23	Westridge	Oct 5
Ladera	July 13	Old La Honda, Skyline	Oct 2
Woodside Glens	July 20	Woodside Heights	Oct 12
Los Trancos/Vista Verde	Aug 3	Skywood, Bear Gulch, Rapley Trail	Nov 2