

“Magnitude 7.6 Earthquake Rips Woodside”

QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD ASK YOURSELF

1. Do you have the supplies that are necessary to survive a major catastrophe?
2. Do you know how to obtain real time information during and after a disaster? Are you signed up to receive information and to transmit information?
3. Do you know about CERPP? Do you know your division? Your teams? Your leaders?
4. Do you, your family, friends, and neighbors have an emergency response strategy?

If the answer to any of the above is “NO,” please read on!

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In this first EPC Bulletin, answers to questions 1 and 2 are addressed with information gathered from Citizens Emergency Response Preparedness Program (CERPP), Woodside Fire Protection District (WFPD), and the Town of Woodside.

Future bulletins will address questions 3 and 4 and provide additional, actionable information.

Many in Woodside are not prepared. Are you?

When an event of sufficient severity strikes Woodside, the Woodside Fire Protection District (WFPD) has warned us not to expect a local response for at least 48 hours. While startling, the reason for this is simple. WFPD has only three engine companies so four or more emergency events will quickly overload the system.

Woodside Fire Chief Dan Ghiorso recently explained that, after the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake, all of the fire districts between Monterey County and South San Francisco taken together were insufficient to respond to the emergency calls occurring in San Francisco alone.

To put this into perspective, consider the recent Godetia fire on July 24, 2014. It was caused by a single tree falling on a power line, which left many without electricity for up to 12 hours; snarled local traffic for hours; and the WFPD received automatic aid in the form of air support, including a helicopter from Cal Fire. Most officials warn that we may be without public services – including phones, gas, electricity and water – for three to seven days after an event of sufficient severity. So we all need to plan accordingly. To be prepared for the future, read on. Take action today!

1) What supplies should I have readily available in case of a disaster?

Create an Emergency Supply Kit

You will need an inventory of current supplies for your home and your car to draw on in the event of an emergency.

Start putting these together today!

If you already have an emergency kit, check to see if your supplies need to be updated or enhanced.

This bulletin has a pull-out page with recommendations for supplies excerpted from the CERPP website at www.cerpp.org.

Helpful tips and links to other state agencies are at woodsidetown.org/emergencyservices.



GOOD IDEA!

PUT THIS NEWSLETTER IN YOUR EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT.

2) How do you obtain real-time information during and after a disaster?

There are four ways to obtain real-time information in an emergency.

A) Sign up for notices of urgent or emergency events including road closures.

www.smcalert.info

At this website, enter your contact information.

You will need an email address and a cell phone to register.

You may limit the geographical coverage of notices you wish to receive.

This site is administered by the San Mateo County Office of Emergency Services (OES) and is linked to local fire and police agencies.

B) Sign up for RapidNotify.

www.woodsidesideton.org/community/rapid-notify-self-registration

RapidNotify is a telephone-alert system established jointly by Woodside, Portola Valley and the WFPD, and is used to notify residents and businesses quickly about emergency situations.

Phone numbers are taken from the white pages.
However, if you have no landline or your line is unlisted, you can self-register your cell phone or unlisted number at the link above.

C) Sign up for fire department dispatch notifications.

www.myfiredispatch.com

To receive information about the emergency events you designate, click the “Register” button to sign-up.

You can receive information via e-mail, pager, and/or cell phone.

You can always go to www.firedispatch.com to view current incidents in our area and listen to radio communications or call the number below.

D) Listen to current disaster information and updates.

[866-44-CERPP \(866-442-3777\)](tel:866-44-CERPP)

Try calling the number now to hear a current message.



GOOD IDEA!
TO RECEIVE THESE BULLETINS VIA E-MAIL, GO TO:
WOODSIDETOWN.ORG/NEWSLETTER/SUBSCRIPTIONS

GET EDUCATED!

The EPC encourages residents to enroll in classes on Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and also Family and Friends CPR by contacting Selena Brown, CERPP coordinator.

Selena can be reached at sbrown@woodsidefire.org or, 650- 851-1591.

CERT classes are designed to help you know what to do before, during and after a disaster.

Please sign-up and encourage a friend to join you!

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Go to www.cerpp.org today to learn what the Citizens for Emergency Response and Preparedness Program (CERPP) can do for you – and you can do for CERPP!

Woodside Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC)

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

The Woodside EPC is distributing periodic bulletins to all residents so that Woodsiders will prepare their homes and families to be ready in the event of a major earthquake, wildland fire, or other disaster.

Each issue will have a “To Do” list which you can easily complete in a day. For this first issue, EPC has contacted local hardware stores to request that they stock, or will order, materials likely to be requested by residents.

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 on how you think 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.

Emergency Preparedness Committee

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RECOMMENDED EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

Assemble the following items for use at home or if you must evacuate. Pack them in easy-to-carry containers and label clearly. See “Tips for Preparing Your Disaster Supplies Kit” at www.cerpp.org.

- **Food** – at least a **three-day supply in your evacuation kit** and at least **an additional four-day supply in case you are confined to home**. You may want to consider stocking even more, e.g. a two-week supply of food and water in your home. See “Stocking and Storing Food and Water” and “Food and Water Safety During/Post Disaster” on the CERPP website.
- **Water** – **three gallons per person per day** in the kit and **an additional four gallons per person per day readily accessible for use if you are confined to home**. See “Storing Food and Water Safely” and “Food and Water Safety During/Post Disaster” on the CERPP website.
- Hand crank or battery-powered radio or television and extra, fresh batteries.
- Flashlight, headlamp and extra, fresh batteries.
- First aid kit. See “First Aid Kit Contents” on the CERPP website.
- Medications—Prescription and non-prescription that are regularly used. Check with your physician or pharmacist on storage requirements.
- Cash and coins.
- Copies of personal identification - driver's licenses, passports, and work identification badges, and copies of medical prescriptions and credit cards.
- An extra set of car keys and house keys.
- Matches in a waterproof container and candles.
- Map of the area marked with places you could go to find aid and/or shelter and their telephone numbers.
- Items for infants - formula, diapers, bottles, pacifiers, powdered milk, and medications not requiring refrigeration.
- Special items, such as denture needs, contact lenses and supplies, extra eyeglasses, and hearing aid batteries.
- Items for seniors, disabled persons, or anyone with serious allergies – a dust mask.
- Kitchen accessories: manual can opener; mess kits or disposable cups, plates, and utensils; utility knife; sugar and salt; aluminum foil and plastic wrap; re-sealable plastic bags.
- Household liquid bleach – no perfume. 8 drops/gallon for purification.
- For each person, one complete change of clothing adjusted for the season. Shoes with thick soles or boots, raingear, hats, gloves, thermal underwear, sunglasses.
- Blankets or sleeping bag for each person.
- Small tent, compass, small shovel.
- Paper, pencil; needles, thread; small A-B-C-type fire extinguisher. See “Fire Extinguishers”; medicine dropper; whistle; emergency preparedness manual.
- Sanitation and hygiene items: toilet paper, towelettes, soap, hand sanitizer, liquid detergent, feminine supplies, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, brushes, comb, lip balm, sunscreen, heavy-duty plastic garbage bags and ties - for personal sanitation uses, medium-size plastic bucket with tight lid, disinfectant, bleach, baking soda.
- Entertainment, such as games and books. Favorite stuffed animals for small children.
- Medications and medical records stored in a waterproof container and a first aid kit.

RECOMMENDED EMERGENCY SUPPLIES CHECKLIST FOR PETS

The pet that lives in your house, your yard and/or in your barn, lives in your heart. Be sure to prepare disaster supply kits for your pets too!

- A pet first aid book. See “First Aid Kit for Pets” at www.cerpp.org.
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses, and carriers to transport pets safely and to ensure that your pets cannot escape. A carrier should be large enough for the animal to stand comfortably, turn around, and lie down. Your pet may have to stay in the carrier for hours at a time while you have taken shelter away from home. Be sure to have a secure cage with no loose objects inside it to accommodate smaller pets. These may require blankets or towels for bedding and warmth, and other special items.
- Current photos and descriptions of your pets to help others identify them in case you and your pets become separated and to prove that they are yours.
- Food and water for at least three days for each pet, bowls, cat litter and box.
- List of feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems, and the name and telephone number of your veterinarian in case you have to board your pets or place them in foster care.
- Pet toys and the pet’s bed, if you can easily take it, to reduce stress.
- Other useful items include newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, grooming items, and household bleach.

For additional pet emergency preparedness information, please visit the following two links.

cerpp.org/prepare/Pets.html

Disaster Animal Rescue Team or DART

cerpp.org/DART/index.html