

Checklist – Items to do before a Disaster

Utilities- Know how and when to turn them off

Fire Extinguisher– Make sure everyone knows where they are kept and how to use them

Smoke & CO Alarms

Insurance Coverage

Inventory Home Possessions

Vital Records and Documents

Reduce Home Hazards

Have Cash on Hand

Keep your gas tank at least half full

Know the Tsunami Evacuation Zone

Assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit

(for a list of supplies stop by HVFD)

1. For your house 2. For your car

Refill Prescriptions

Spare Reading Glasses

Post and maintain your Communication Plan and Escape Routes

Test Back-Up Generators bi-annually

Don't forget to take your disaster supply kit with you.



3913 Kachemak Way

(907) 235-7721

KBBI.org

Smart Phone: KBBI public radio app



If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact the

Homer Volunteer Fire Department

604 E. Pioneer Ave.

Phone: (907)-235-3155 non-emergency

Fax: (907)-235-3157

<https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/fire>

fire@ci.homer.ak.us

Are You Prepared?

for an

**Earthquake, Tsunami, Wildland Fire,
Structure Fire, Floods, Snowstorms or
any other Emergency?**

Preparing for a Disaster in Homer, Alaska

In Case of an Emergency Call 9-1-1

Do not call 911 just to get information regarding the disaster. The 911 center will be inundated with calls for life-threatening emergencies and will not be able to provide information. Instead, use one of the information sources listed in this brochure. If there is a threat to life or property, however, do not hesitate to call 911. Keep in mind that there will be many other citizens doing the same thing, so be patient and give the 911 operator all of the information that they request.

Get Informed

Radio: **KBBI 890AM**

Live Updates: **KBBI.ORG**
Smartphone: **KBBI public radio app**

Facebook: **Homer Volunteer Fire Department**

Register your phones for Kenai Peninsula Borough Alerts : alerts.kpb.us

Make sure all cellphones in the family are registered, and if you recently got a new number or your landline disconnected, call to update (907) 262-4910.

Know where you are in the tsunami zone, have a map and an escape route plan. Visit <https://earthquake.alaska.edu/tsunamis/atom> for an interactive map.

Follow posted Evacuation signs to higher ground.



Primary Shelters:

West Homer Elementary: 995 Soundview Ave
Paul Banks Elementary: 1340 East End Rd
Homer Middle School: 500 Sterling Hwy
McNeil Canyon Elementary: 52188 East End Rd

Make a Plan

Meet with Your Family Members: Explain the dangers to children and work with them as a team to prepare your family. Be sure to include caregivers in your meetings and planning efforts

Choose an “Out-of Town” Contact. Ask an out of town friend or relative to be your contact, following a disaster to call and report that your family is safe. It’s often easier to make a long distance call than a local call in a disaster area. Texts also will go through often when phone calls do not, also reducing the loads on the cell phone towers.

Decide Where to Meet: Choose a place right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire. Choose a location outside your neighborhood in case you can’t return home.

Complete a Family Communication Plan: Your plan should include contact information for family members, work and school. As well as your out of town contact, meeting locations and emergency services. A sample form for can be found at www.ready.gov. Teach your children how to call the emergency phone numbers and when appropriate to do so. Be sure each family member has a copy of your plan and post it near your telephone or fridge.

Escape Routes and Safe Places: In a fire or other emergency you may need to evacuate on a moment’s notice. Be sure everyone knows the best escape routes or safe place (in case of a earthquake). If someone uses a wheelchair, make all exits wheelchair accessible.

Practice your evacuation drills at least twice a year.

Two Ways Out: In addition to having two ways out of your house in an emergency. Plan two ways out of your property. If your main access/road to your house is blocked or destroyed, can you leave your residence?

Plan for those with disabilities or other special needs: Keep support items in a designated place so they can be found quickly. For those who have home-health caregivers, particularly for those bed-bound, it’s essential to have an alternate plan if the home-health caregiver cannot make it to you. Develop a contingency plan that includes an alternate power source for the equipment and relocation of the person. This can include oxygen, pumps and other necessary medical supplies.

Plan for your pets: Take your pets with you if you evacuate. Have a kennel, leash and medications on hand to take with you.

Inventory Home Possessions: There are three ways in which you can make a record of your belongings. One is to shoot a video tour of your home, going room by room. The second is to take pictures of all your possessions. The third is a written inventory list. Keep a hard copy of your written inventory in either a fireproof safe or a bank safe deposit. Having two set of records, stored separately, provides extra security.