

Emergency Plan

(Your Street/Block/Building)

As of _____
(Date)

When Bad Things Happen

There is no place on the planet that is completely free of risk. We face a handful of potential emergencies, including:

- Earthquake
- Extreme Heat, Drought
- Local Flooding
- Major Storm
- Pandemic (of course)
- Prolonged Power Outage
- Wildfire

We Will Help Each Other

When bad things happen, we have agreed to help each other.

Although Colwood Fire Department, RCMP and BC Ambulance crews are excellent at what they do, a widespread emergency would overwhelm their capacity.

That means we cannot expect first responders to arrive for some time... maybe many days.

We must rely on those near us, our neighbours, to help when and where possible.

We can share information about who needs what, coordinate care for those on our block, share our resources, and let the City know our status and what we need.

Individual and Family Preparedness

Of course, being prepared for a major emergency is our individual responsibility.

We must have on hand enough water, food, and medications to meet our own needs for two to three weeks.

We may also need temporary shelter from the elements, a way to cook food, and to manage garbage.

For more information about preparing for emergencies, including hazards in our area and some helpful videos, see the website at: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/prepare-yourself>

Organized to Respond Together

Whatever may happen, we can better help each other if we organize. Here are some of the things we can do together in an emergency:

- Check on each other
- Assess the needs among residents on the block
- Provide first aid
- Fight small fires
- Communicate with City about what we need, such as water or fuel
- Recharge mobile devices

See the sample Resource List for the block on the reverse side.



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Here are the people who have offered resources during an emergency if they are able:

1. First Aid, CPR

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6. Care for a Neighbour's Pet

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2. Check on a Neighbour

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7. Tarps for Shelter

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3. Fire Extinguisher

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8. Day Care for Young Children

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4. Water Treatment / Filtering

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9. Electrical Generator/ Solar Panel

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5. Information Centre

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10. Debris Removal (pickup truck)

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In the event of an emergency, we plan to gather at _____ to coordinate.

For more information, other ideas on responding together, or to update this plan, contact:

_____ at _____ / _____.
(Your Name) (Email) (Phone)