



What do you do in the first ...

2 minutes

Drop, Cover and Hold on

2 hours

Check your immediate surroundings

Evacuate, if necessary

Follow your plan

IEQText:Your Out-of-State contact

2 days

Use resources in preparedness kit

Check with neighbors & community

2 weeks

Organize community members

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Credits

Oregon Office of Emergency Management

Ashland Fire & Rescue

Dept. of Geology & Mineral Industries

Hood River County



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www.Oregon.gov/OEM

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Aren't 72 hours of Supplies Enough?

A three day preparation kit is good enough for a power outage or winter storm. But we know that Oregon will one day have a Cascadia earthquake. It could be tomorrow, or it could be fifty years away.

If it happens soon, it will take up to two weeks for help to reach many areas. Many roads will be blocked. Many bridges will be out of service. We recommend two weeks of preparedness so people can be self-sufficient until help can reach them.

Even Oregonians outside the earthquake impact zone will be affected by fuel shortages and other issues caused by a Cascadia event. While they may have power and water, supplies of food and other goods could be less reliable than usual. Preparedness is important in all areas of Oregon!

Prepare Your Workers



Introduction to “Two Weeks”

Preparing for disasters can be done over a period of time. The traditional three days supplies is a good start, and helpful in the event of short-term power outages or temporary evacuation. But a large earthquake and tsunami will leave much of the area’s transportation routes destroyed, making the delivery of assistance and supplies difficult to impossible. Oregonians will have to count on each other in the community, in the workplace and at home in order to be safe until responders can reach them. It is recommended that families, neighborhoods and communities strive to be self-sufficient for two weeks.

How Can I Help Employees Prepare?

Talk to your employees about the plans your business has to respond during a disaster and recover. Direct them to materials for how to prepare to be self-sufficient for two weeks.

If you have the resources, you can consider assisting employees to get ready. Instead of a holiday bonus, you might consider a gift of food or water for long term storage. Use a little time at each staff meeting to check in on progress and share tips on becoming more prepared. Sponsor a first aid class.

Where would your business be without employees?

Businesses have a lot to plan for in order to recover from a natural disaster. How to bring computer systems back online. How repairs to buildings will be made. But very little can happen until you have employees come back to work to help with recovery. And research suggests that employees don’t come back to work after a disaster until they are satisfied their loved ones are safe, and have what they need.



A Key to Business Preparedness is Employee Preparedness

It is good to know how many employees your business has who are:

- 2 Weeks Prepared
- Able to get to the job site (or home) after a disaster
- Skilled in critical functions

After a disaster, the more employees your business has who meet those conditions, the more likely it is your business will have the help required to recover. Getting your employees back as soon as possible is very important. Employees whose households are two weeks prepared can get back to work much more quickly than others will.

