



## Mason County Community Emergency Response Team



To the Fellow Residents of **(insert your neighborhood or street name here)**:

Hello, we are your neighbors and members of the Mason County CERT Program.

We believe it is important for all of us to be prepared and informed in the event a disaster situation should occur. The welfare of our neighborhood can be preserved during a disaster if we all take steps to prepare our families and ourselves.

In the event of a major disaster, such as a major earthquake, many of the resources normally available to those of us who live and work in Western Washington State may become inaccessible. Highways and surface streets may become impassable. Public services may be interrupted or taxed beyond their capabilities. Communication, public information systems, and utilities may temporarily become inoperable. Therefore, it is imperative that everyone knows how to provide for their own personal needs for at least seventy-two hours and possibly much longer! Your survival could depend upon your individual efforts.

Mason County offers a free disaster preparedness course designed to train its citizens for neighborhood Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). Many residents from **(insert your neighborhood name here)** have already completed this course. We have formed a neighborhood CERT Team which would like to help you, our fellow residents of **(insert your neighborhood name here)**, prepare for a disaster before it occurs. The attached questionnaire, which is voluntary, will help us assess the needs and capabilities of our unique neighborhood. The more we know the more we can help each other. This information will not be shared with any other agencies! Please take a few minutes to complete this form and return it to:

**(Insert your name and address here)**

Disaster preparedness is everyone's calling and responsibility. Please help by fulfilling your responsibility to your family and your neighbors. Statistically, the people who have a plan increase their chances of survival! Help us help you. For more information please visit the County CERT website at:  
<http://www.co.mason.wa.us/dem/cert.php>

Thank you.

**(Insert names, addresses and phone numbers of existing CERT members in this neighborhood who agree to be listed on this letter)**

**Resident Emergency Form (This information will be kept confidential)**

(Please PRINT and write on the back if necessary)

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**How many people live at the above address?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name(s): list everyone residing at your address (first names)**

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number(s) where you can be reached:**

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How many pets are inside your home or yard?**

**Dog(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cat(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Bird(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Horse(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is anyone in your home disabled or needs special assistance in an emergency?**

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Need(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Does anyone in your residence have special skills?** (i.e. firefighter, police officer, doctor, nurse, contractor, etc.) Please list:

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**Do you have equipment that could be used in our neighborhood in a disaster?** (i.e. generator, fire extinguisher, tools, etc.) Please list:

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