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Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for your interest in the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) Program. Here are the steps that you need to take to get started:

- Determine which neighbors you will invite to your home (or if you have a community room you can meet there). The creator of MYN suggests that you invite the 15-20 houses closest to you. I'd settle for 10-15 neighbors (unless you have a big house or garage).
- A pre-designed invitation is included in this packet, or pre-designed invitations on the Washington State website at:
http://www.emd.wa.gov/myn/myn_resources.shtml
 - You are encouraged to go door to door and personally invite your neighbors to attend the meeting. Otherwise they probably won't come. Hand them an invitation when you talk to them.
- The shingle is a handout for each person that you invite to your MYN meeting. This is basically the MYN workbook. Contact the Office of Neighborhoods to request more MYN shingles.
- Also included is the MYN DVD. The DVD is used during the MYN meeting at your house. Turn on the DVD and press play and pause for discussion as directed. I would suggest viewing the DVD prior to the meeting so you know what to expect.
- Prior to the meeting draw a map your street and the houses of the people that you are inviting to your meeting. Make enough copies of the map for each person that you are inviting. If you are computer savvy you may be able to find your neighborhood through Google earth or the County GIS mapping system. However, hand drawn maps are just fine.
- After you have completed MYN please email or send me a copy of the map that you have completed along with your contact information and the date you held your meeting. The Fire Department will use this information for emergency planning.

Thank you for taking the initiative to prepare your neighborhood to be able to care for each other in the event of a disaster.

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