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EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

Garberville Sanitary District is committed to providing the best service possible for our customers but we also want to provide leadership, a remediation plan and assistance in surviving and escaping emergencies which may arise.

Southern Humboldt is vulnerable to a host of hazards and natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, winter storms, landslides, droughts and fires; which is why Garberville Sanitary District is providing this Emergency Operational Plan, to assist in protecting our environment and customers.

Garberville is located in an area which has had many natural disaster emergencies over the years and because Cal-Trans, Cal-Fire, Sheriff's Office, PG&E, Humboldt County Road Department, The Hospital, Water District and the Garberville Fire Department are all located within the GSD boundaries, we must work together and coordinate effectively to survive any emergency.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Call 911

Garberville Sanitary District—(707)923-9569
<https://garbervillesd.specialdistrict.org/>

Office of Emergency Services—(707)445-7251
<https://humboldt.gov/356/Office-of-Emergency-Services>

Sheriff's Office--(707)923-2761
<https://humboldt.gov/2350/Sheriffs-Office-Newsroom>

Cal Fire—(707)923-2645
<https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/>

Humboldt County Road Department—(707) 445-7491
<https://humboldt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?CID=14>

Cal-Trans—(707)923-9374
<https://roads.dot.ca.gov/roadscell.php>

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Humboldt County Public Health—(707)445-6200
<https://humboldt.gov/330/Public-Health>

PG&E—(800) 743-5000
<https://www.pgecurrents.com/>

Hospital—(707)923-3921
info@shchd.org

KMUD News— (707)-923-2605
<https://kmud.org/>

Redwood Rural Health Center—(707)923-2783
ttvedt@rrhc.org

Garberville Fire Department—(707)923-3196

Search & Rescue—911

Humboldt County Evacuation and Information Center—(707)268-2500
<https://humboldt.gov/374/Emergency-Operations-Plan>

Emergency Alert Notification-- <https://member.everbridge.net/453003085616405/login>

Southern Humboldt Amateur Radio Club— <http://www.sharc-ca.org> , info@sharc-ca.org
Patte Rae: 707-223-1560

Redheaded Black Belt News Online
<https://kymkemp.com/>

Lost Coast Outpost News
<https://lostcoastoutpost.com/>

USGS River Conditions
https://waterdata.usgs.gov/ca/nwis/uv?site_no=11476500

ARE YOU PREPARED

1. Have a 72 hour emergency preparedness kit
2. Know your escape routes
3. Have contact list with you that include names, phone numbers, email info and addresses
4. Have a location identified with family and friends where they can meet you
5. Ensure that you have additional fuel, food, water, heat and batteries for lights stored
6. You may lose all contact so be prepared and if necessary have a survival manual
7. Be prepared to treat your own water by boiling, filtration or disinfectant
8. Have additional water available in case water service is disrupted
9. Remove all fuel which may start a fire and endanger your house
10. Notify somebody immediately if danger approaches, so they know your circumstances
11. First Aid Kit and know how to use it

ACTION TAKEN FOR EMERGENCIES

Fires

1. Don't try to be a hero
2. Be prepared to survive or get out
3. Fires can happen at any time for a variety of reasons so be aware of the conditions.
 - a) Call 911
 - b) Lightning is notorious for starting multiple fires that can halt escape
 - c) Debris and anything flammable is an accelerant so remove it from around house
 - d) Fires typically move faster uphill and slower downhill but wind blows fire everywhere
 - e) As fire becomes close, wet yard, house and roof while removing anything flammable
 - f) Grass fires move quickly but generate less heat than brush and heavy timber
4. Store water and a fire backpack with spray nozzle along with fire extinguisher
5. Always have a fire retardant blanket or clothing available if unable to get out
6. Garberville Sanitary District will make water available to anyone in danger during a fire
7. We will keep our website updated with current conditions of the emergency so continue to check in for road closures and updates www.garbervillesd.org
8. You can call our emergency number at (707)923-9569

Floods

There have been floods in the past which have closed roads, destroyed buildings and property, along with causing mass destruction, including death so although floods are a minimal risk, we must plan for the unexpected.

As the South Fork Eel River rises, you can check the Garberville Sanitary District website for local flood concerns, along with the emergency contacts above. You can also check river conditions on your own by going to the USGS Water Information Center - https://waterdata.usgs.gov/ca/nwis/uv?site_no=11476500

Flood stage for the Eel River is 33ft, so being prepared for road closures and flood damage is important for all people living near the river or along the highway 101 corridor from Leggett to Fortuna.

Assuming the water will not affect you is the wrong plan for survival because once the water has breached the banks and closed roads, you are at the mercy of the flood so best practice is to leave the area before road closes and seek higher ground to ensure your safety.

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9. Remove all fuel which may start a fire and endanger your house
10. Notify somebody immediately if danger approaches, so they know your circumstances
11. Have portable submersible pump available with hose
12. Have emergency floatation devices for everyone in your home or business
13. Boats will not help during a flood so do not try to leave in a boat
14. Have security ropes, cables or lines attached to anything you want to secure as water rises.
15. First Aid Kit and know how to use it

Earthquake

Earthquakes are difficult to prepare for because unlike fires and floods, they can happen at any time and with no warning, weather or environmental indicators or rain which causes river to rise. An earthquake can destroy everything within the area impacted so being prepared or surviving an earthquake requires knowing how to protect yourself quickly.

Have a place to go where you can quickly be safe from falling objects, broken glass and other objects that can move and cause harm. Make sure that where you go for safety, there is access to a phone or device to contact others and that you protect your face and vital organs from moving objects

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ROAD CLOSURES

You know how to access your property, business or home during normal conditions but you need to know how to access or leave property quickly and safely in the event of emergencies, disasters or road closures.

Have an escape route with all possibilities and a map in your car and programmed on your phone.

The roads might be closed so locate the escape routes which may require a river or overland escape. Are you prepared to leave by boat if required or do you have a survival backpack, clothing and shoes to walk to safety?

GARBERVILLE SANITARY DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITY

NOTIFY CUSTOMERS

Garberville Sanitary District will notify all customers of local disasters and emergencies through our Call system and we will give updates as we get them, which include escape routes, road closures, evacuation centers and all pertinent information to assist our customers. We will have all emergency and preparedness information updated hourly during all local disasters and emergency events.

ESCAPE ROUTES

Know your escape routes and check our website frequently because we will maintain the most current information about what is happening with the disaster or emergency.

We will keep you informed on road closures as well as alternative routes that can be taken to help you leave the area safely and expediently.