

Sample NEPP Gathering Invitation

Are you ready for Mother Nature's next surprise? Would you be ready if an earthquake hit today? You are invited to a neighbourhood disaster preparedness meeting.

Hi. My name is _____. I live in our neighbourhood and am sharing information about our neighbourhood's efforts to become better prepared for a major disaster. Most of us do not like to think about disasters, especially wildfires and earthquakes, but unfortunately that doesn't change the fact that such disasters may happen here.

When disasters do occur, we want our neighbourhood to be as ready as we can be. That's why we would like to develop a Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP) plan for our neighbourhood.

Experience shows that after a major disaster, there will not be enough police, fire, and ambulance personnel to respond to emergencies as quickly as we would like. The demand will be high, and infrastructure such as roads and bridges may be impassable.

Experience has shown that our best source of help and support will be ourselves, particularly if we have organized beforehand. That's where NEPP planning fits in. And it's easy!

We are meeting to discuss NEPP and hopefully draft a plan. The meeting will likely last 90 minutes and will cover these vital topics:

- neighbourhood hazards;
- place to meet or gather after a disaster;
- developing a basic map of our neighbourhood; and
- ways to get in contact with neighbours.

Please plan to join us. Enjoy the peace of mind that comes from knowing that you are helping to prepare your neighbourhood, yourself, and your family for disasters.

Date: _____ Time: _____

At the home of: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

If you can't make it to this meeting but want to know about the NEPP plan and future NEPP activities, please contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____