

# Prepare Your Neighbors

Responding Together: The First Hour Following Disaster



## CARE & SHELTERING

Care for neighbors:

- With specific needs
- Assist older adults
- Who may be home alone
- With pets



## SEARCH & AID

- Conduct door-to-door checks
- Provide aid to those in need
- Check on all OK/Help cards



## COMMUNICATIONS

- Monitor trusted news sources for information
- Communicate important information to the neighborhood.



## UTILITIES & SAFETY

- Shut off any leaking utilities
- Reduce chances of fire
- Rope off hazards (downed power lines, broken glass, etc.)



It takes just **you** to begin making your neighborhood RYLAN ready!



To learn more,  
contact EMD

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NEIGHBORHOOD**

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## What is RYLAN?

RYLAN is a FREE program that gives you the steps to take immediately after a disaster to help keep you, your family, and your neighborhood safe. It provides the tools to prepare and organize your neighborhood to respond together in that first hour after a disaster to reduce injuries, protect your property and the environment, and most importantly, to save lives.



## Plan

**The Golden Hour**  
The first 60 minutes following disasters are proven to be the most crucial for saving lives, reducing the severity of injuries, and decreasing property damage.

### How Big Should My Neighborhood Be?

- Experience shows the ideal size for neighborhoods is the number of households you can check on in the “Golden Hour.”
- You will work with EMD to identify your neighborhood boundaries.
- Consider inviting property managers if you live in a multi-family residence.



Plan your neighborhood.



## Connect

### Contact Us

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- EMD can help you choose a meeting date and develop your meeting.
- You will work with EMD to identify neighborhood boundaries so they can prepare your meeting materials.
- EMD will provide free materials such as the following:
  - Meeting invitations
  - Neighborhood Response Plans
  - OK/Help Cards
  - Maps of your neighborhood, floor plan, or contact information spreadsheet

### Invite Your Neighbors

**Keys for Success:**

- Invite your neighbors. Options can include the downloadable RYLAN invitation and social media groups. A personal invite makes all the difference in encouraging your neighbors to come.
- Ask a neighbor or two to help you with invitations and attendance.



## Meet

### Host A RYLAN Meeting

There are different formats in which to host your meeting. The Do-It-Yourself RYLAN workshop is a great opportunity for you and your neighbors to walk through a tutorial of how you can help each other right after a disaster. This is done via virtual communication platforms such as Skype, Zoom, Google Meet, etc. You also have the option to request a staff member from our department to conduct and facilitate your RYLAN workshop. We call this Virtual RYLAN led by EMD staff. If you would like to request an in-person workshop, please contact EMD.

**You and Your Neighbors Will:**

- Create a Neighborhood Response Plan
- Complete a Skills & Equipment Inventory
- Complete a Neighborhood Contact List, including neighbors with disabilities, older adults, and households with pets
- Plan to conduct a walk-through in your neighborhood

**At the end of the meeting, you and your neighbors will be more prepared with:**

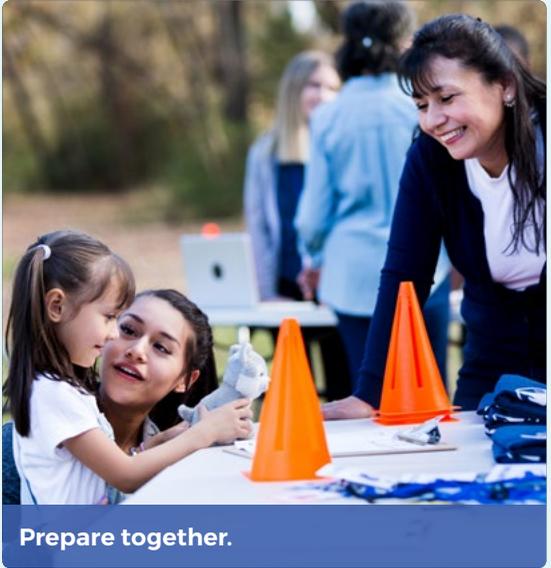
- A neighborhood response plan
- A neighborhood map, floor plan, or contact information spreadsheet
- An OK/Help card



## Prepare

### Hold Your RYLAN Drill

- Once you’ve completed your RYLAN plan, schedule a drill to practice it with your neighbors.
- By practicing your RYLAN plan, you will get to know your neighbors better, familiarize yourself with the plan, and make any updates as needed.
- Expand the Neighborhood Map by plotting the exact locations of all natural gas meters.
- Discuss neighborhood responses for different disaster scenarios.



Prepare together.