

# Steps for becoming a **Marysville Ready Business**

# 1

## Make the decision to prepare for disasters

Connect with City of Marysville Emergency Management for assistance.

Email: [preparedness@marysvillewa.gov](mailto:preparedness@marysvillewa.gov)

Phone: (360) 363-8000

# 2

## Complete at least 5 preparedness steps to make your business more resilient to disasters

Use the list on the back of this handout for suggested steps.

# 3

## Apply online to become an official *Marysville Ready Business*



Visit [www.marysvillewa.gov/readybusiness](http://www.marysvillewa.gov/readybusiness) and click on the *Apply Here* button.



*The time to prepare for a disaster is before it happens. Acting now can be the difference between your business staying open and shutting down.*



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# Suggested Preparedness Actions

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## Connect with Marysville Emergency Management

- Reach out to our office to exchange contact information and introduce yourself. 360-363-8000 or [preparedness@marysvillewa.gov](mailto:preparedness@marysvillewa.gov)

## Promote and Encourage Employee Preparedness

- Employees are aware of local natural and human-caused hazards.
- Employees are prepared at home with food, water, and access to essentials (shelter, heat, information, etc.) to be self-sufficient for up to 14 days.
- Employees have a backup plan with their families, including transportation and communication.
- Encourage employees to sign up for Marysville Alerts to receive emergency information.
- Participate in the Great Washington ShakeOut earthquake drill in October.

## Keep your Business Open and Operating

- Have emergency food and drinking water on site for employees in a disaster.
- Discuss with your employees the expectation for returning to work in the event of a major disaster or other interruption.
- Have a plan for communicating with your employees during an event.
- Know who is responsible for determining if you will continue to operate or not.
- Identify alternative strategies for continuing business following an interruption.
- Consider the impacts of loss of power, water, vendors, or building access.
- Have measures in place to protect your physical and digital property.

## Take an Active Role in Community Disaster Response

- Have a plan to offer goods and services to the community in the event of a disaster.
- Provide emergency-related information to the people you serve.
- Become a Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador and share weather emergency information.



[www.weather.gov/wrn/ambassadors](http://www.weather.gov/wrn/ambassadors)

**Marysville Ready Businesses are encouraged to also become a Weather-Ready Nation (WRN) Ambassador.**

A WRN Ambassador supports the National Weather Service's efforts to help others be informed of and prepare for extreme weather events. Once you're an ambassador, you can help the National Weather Service and Marysville Emergency Management distribute critical emergency-related messaging.