

BECOME A COMMUNITY EMERGENCY HUB

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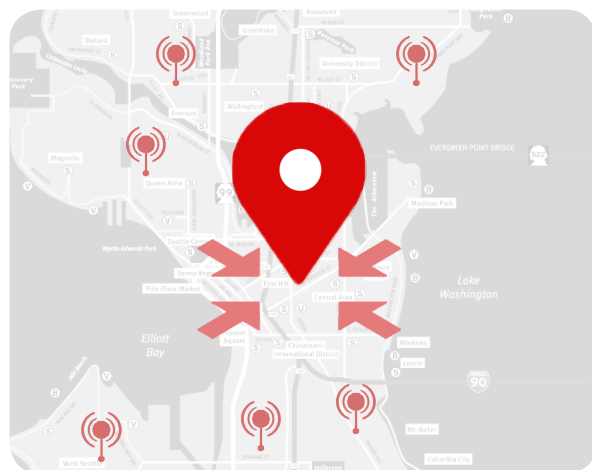


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After a major disaster, first responders may not be able to help you for 7 to 10 days - you are on your own. Hubs are natural gathering places in the community where people meet to help each other until City systems are restored.

Step 1: Designate a hub location

- Hubs are pre-determined locations designated by community members
- Community Emergency Hubs will look different depending on the particular needs of the people who live in the area
- Hubs cannot be in a City-owned facility
- Examples of hubs include parks, community gardens, faith-based centers, small business locations, etc.



Step 2: Fill out the online form

- Identify a primary contact
- Go to the Emergency Neighborlink Map online at www.seattleemergencyhubs.org and fill out the 'Seattle Emergency Hub Entry Form'
- Begin receiving information about preparedness, training and networking opportunities



Step 3: Be a hub during the next disaster!

- Spread the word in the community about the hub location
 - Immediately after a disaster, people will have to rely on each other for help
 - Identifying locations ahead of time allows people to know where to go to get or give help



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What is an Community Emergency Hub?

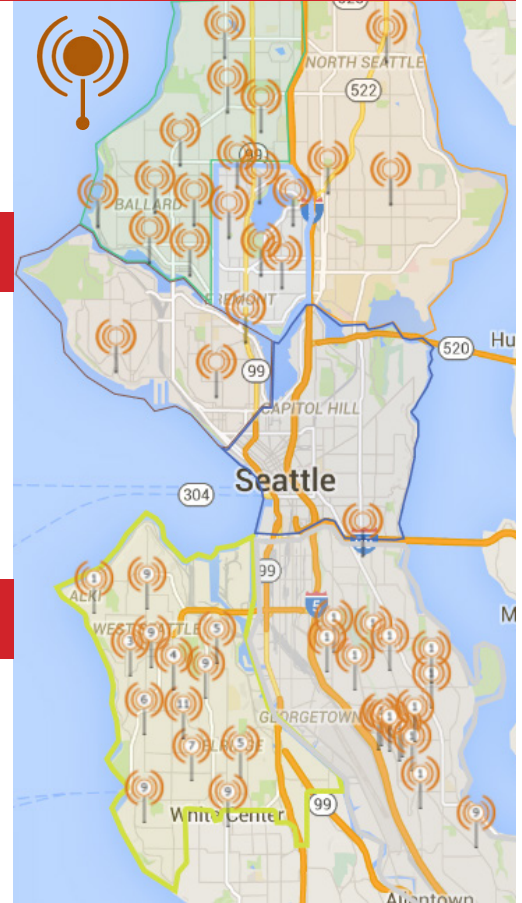
Community Emergency Hubs (Hubs) are pre-determined locations designated by community members. Following an emergency, community members meet at the location to share information, resources, solve problems and support each other. Currently there are more than 50 Hubs organized throughout the city.

Why should I establish a Hub?

Following a major disaster, first responders may not be able to help you for 7-10 days - you are on your own. Your location would serve as the physical location where people can go to get help, give help and share information. The City will not have the resources to respond to any specific Hub location, however, making community-designated Hubs known to fire, police, and utility crews can be extremely beneficial to receiving official information in the aftermath.

What does a Hub look like?

It is important to recognize that each community hub will look a little different. There is not a "one size fits all" template, rather communities have developed hubs to meet the particular needs of the people who live in the area. Hubs can be indoors or outdoors. Examples of Hubs include parks, community gardens, faith-based centers, small business locations, and any other physical location where people naturally gather.



For Hubs who want more:

- Participate in OEM Public Outreach Trainings - view the upcoming events calendar online at www.seattle.gov/emergency
- Apply for Department of Neighborhood Funding to acquire emergency tools and supplies: www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods
- Join the existing network of Seattle Emergency Hub Captains - visit www.SeattleEmergencyHubs.org to find out about monthly meetings, drills and training events

How do I become a Hub?

1. Designate a physical gathering place (not inside a City owned building)
2. Identify a primary and alternate contact.
3. Send location and contact information (name, email, phone number) to the Seattle Office of Emergency Management (OEM) via email: SNAP@seattle.gov
4. Get your location on the Emergency Neighborlink Map by filling out the online form at www.seattleemergencyhubs.org (optional)
5. Serve as a Hub during the next disaster!



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