

Tsunami Emergency Evacuation

PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM A TSUNAMI

1. If you feel an earthquake when you are in the Florence area, protect yourself from the effects of the quake by dropping, covering, and holding on if you are inside and staying away from falling objects if you are outside until the earthquake is over.
2. Then, if you are in the tsunami inundation zone and even if you have been frightened or hurt by the earthquake, you must immediately move inland or to high ground, away from areas that could be affected by tsunamis (see reverse side for inundation zone map). Tsunamis can travel upstream in coastal rivers and estuaries and follow low lying contours of the ground with damaging waves extending farther inland than the immediate coastline. Do not wait for an official warning because the tsunami may strike before authorities have time to issue a warning. Remember, all ocean beach areas and low lying areas along the Siuslaw river and it's tributaries are considered to be in the tsunami inundation zone!
3. If you think you have time, get your disaster supply kit (see City of Florence Fire Department Family Disaster Plan pamphlet).
4. If you are able, warn or help elderly or disabled neighbors.
5. Do not return to your home or inundation areas after the first wave. Additional waves may arrive later, be higher, and go further inland. Waves may continue to come in for several hours.
6. Never go to the beach to watch for a tsunami. Tsunamis move faster than a person can run. Also, incoming traffic hampers safe and timely evacuation of coastal areas.
7. If you see a sudden and unexpected rise or fall in coastal water, a tsunami may be approaching. Do not wait to investigate, because the next wave may be a large tsunami. Instead move inland or uphill as quickly as possible.
8. Use the map on the reverse side of this pamphlet to plan your evacuation route.

EVACUATION ROUTES FOR THE FLORENCE AREA

SOUTHWEST SIDE OF FLORENCE: Use Rhododendron Drive or 9th street to get to Highway 101. Go North on 101 to at least 15th street. Use any large parking lot and wait for additional information from local emergency officials.

SOUTH AND SOUTH EAST SIDE OF FLORENCE: If you live in the area around the Siuslaw Middle School and the Florence Events Center go to that location. Otherwise use available streets to get to Highway 101. Go North on 101 to at least 15th street and use any large parking lot. Wait for additional information from local emergency officials.

WEST AND NEAR NORTH SIDE OF FLORENCE: 9th street and 35th street are the main evacuation routes. Remain north of 15th street on 101. Use any large parking lot and wait for the all clear from local emergency officials. For residents of Greentrees West it may be safest to assemble in the Greentrees East area and remain there until contacted by local emergency officials.

HECETA BEACH AND NORTH RHODODENDRON DRIVE AREA: Use Heceta Beach road or 35th street to get to Highway 101. Use any large parking area to wait for emergency personnel. Do not attempt to drive into the city.

FOR ANY EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Non-emergency business numbers:

Florence Police 997-3515

Florence Fire Department 997-3564

Florence Public Works 997-4106

US Coast Guard 997-3631

Oregon State Police 997-9635

Lane County Sheriff 997-3631

Red Cross 997-2816

This is a publication of the City of Florence Fire Department