

What makes a disaster resilient community?



To be more resilient to natural disasters some parts of your community **may need to do some further preparation**. Use these questions as good **conversation starters** to gain some idea of further areas that need to be strengthened.

Knowledge

What are the natural disasters that could affect your community, such as floods, bushfires, earthquakes, etc.?

How could these natural disasters affect your members, such as having trees falling across power lines so power is lost for several days, etc.?

What are the emergency support channels that may be available to your community?

What are the local emergency and local evacuation plans for your community?

Action

What are the plans for your community in the event of an emergency?

For your community what are:

- The emergency contacts and important phone numbers, including out-of-town emergency contacts?
- Medical conditions of community members that may require special attention?
- An emergency meeting place outside of your neighbourhood, at least 100 kilometres away?

What is the plan for pets or animals during an emergency?

For your community:

- What insurance is necessary and is it current and adequate?
- Which gutters/drains need to be cleaned and which tree branches hanging over roofs need to be cut back?
- If necessary, where are gas, power, water meters and shut-off valves located?
- Where could a temporary emergency shelter be provided?
- The purchase of which tools and supplies might help fortify your community in the event of a disaster?

Do members of your community have an emergency stay/go kit?

Connection

Who in your community needs extra help in an emergency, and who will help them prepare for an emergency?

Who has resources which could help during an emergency?

Who has skills which could help during an emergency?

How regularly do members of your community connect with each other or do community activities?

How often does your community discuss its emergency preparedness?

You might find these useful as well:

Disaster Readiness Index

<http://www.emergencyvolunteering.com.au/home/disaster-ready/menu/readiness-index>

Harden Up

<http://hardenup.org/>

