

Harbour Landing Emergency Preparedness

Miscellaneous Tips & Info

Emergency Kits: The most important preparation you can do for any emergency is to have your household Shelter-in-Place Kit and Grab-and-Go bags assembled and an emergency plan in place.

Tenants: If you have tenants living in your residence, please ensure that they have an Emergency Information Package. Contact the Committee if you need one: harbourlanding-sidney@hotmail.com.

Gas for your vehicle: Refill the tank when it's half full so you will always have half a tank of gas in case you have to evacuate. You may also want to use your car engine to charge devices. Have the appropriate connectors handy.

Fireplaces: Fireplaces in Harbour Landing work without electricity, turning on with a battery pack. Change the batteries and have your fire place serviced regularly. Gas burners on your stove will work without electricity, but gas ovens won't.

Cash: Have cash available in your Emergency Kit and Grab and Go bags in small bills, loonies and toonies (\$200).

Fire extinguishers: Have several for your house and know how to use them. Keep them up to date.

Out-of-Province Contact: Have an out-of-province contact in case you are separated from your family. In an emergency, it may be easier to call long distance than locally. Text messages could work better than phone calls. Change your voice mail recording to indicate you are safe. Phone calls that can't get through could connect to voice mail.

Utilities: Know where and how to turn off your utilities (water, electricity and natural gas). Test valves. Electrical breakers should be turned off individually before turning off the main breaker. Do same process in reverse, beginning with main breaker. See the diagram in this package for instructions to turn off your natural gas outlet.

Insurance: Ensure you understand what earthquake and other disaster coverage you have on your house insurance.

Toilets: Sewers may not work. Emergency kit should contain a toilet seat (e.g. Luggable Loo) and cheap bucket or if the toilet is still in one piece, use heavy black garbage bags to line your toilet. Store used bags outside in garbage can.

Radio Stations for Emergency Information:

CFOX 1070 AM

CBC 90.5 FM

Saanich Peninsula Alert System: Make sure you are registered. Check out the additional information in this package.

Tsunamis: If you check the tsunami map on the website, you will see that Harbour Landing is NOT in an inundation zone, so we should be safe from a tsunami even in a Force 9 earthquake.

Fire: Turn off your natural gas if your neighbour's house is on fire.

Printed copy of Prepare Yourself Guide: This comprehensive guide is available on the Harbour Landing website (harbourlanding-sidney.com) under Emergency Prep/Getting Prepared. If you need a printed copy, send an email to harbourlanding-sidney@hotmail.com.

Supplies:

Total Prepare: Total Prepare is an emergency supplies store located near Uptown mall. They have generously donated a first aid kit to Harbour Landing and will offer a **10 percent discount** on purchases for our residents. You can buy in the store or order online and pickup at store using the code: *HLPrepares*. They will also give a further discount for communal purchases if a group of residents wants to purchase a particular item.

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<https://totalprepare.ca>
778-265-5331

Kit Essentials. Look for emergency lights/lanterns that have a variety of charging methods; some have up to five - solar powered, dynamo crank, car adapter, USB and batteries. You should also have a dynamo crank radio and flashlight and spare battery packs for your cell phone. Total Prepare will have these supplies or you can find them online.

If you have any tips you would like to share, please post them on the Harbour Landing Facebook page. To find the link, go to our website home page - harbourlanding-sidney.com – and click on the Facebook icon.

Let's Stay Safe Together!