

FACT SHEET: TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS

GET TO HIGH GROUND OR INLAND

PREPARE

Know if you are in a Tsunami Hazard Zone

- Check out The Tsunami Zone website (www.tsunamizone.org) to find out if you are in a tsunami hazard zone

Have your family emergency supply kit and communication plan ready

Learn the warning signs of a tsunami:

- A strong earthquake may be felt
- A sudden rise or fall of the ocean tide
- A loud, roaring sound (like an airplane or train) coming from the ocean

Understand the terminology & what to do

- A **Tsunami Warning** is issued when dangerous coastal flooding & powerful currents are possible. Move to high ground or inland.
- A **Tsunami Advisory** is issued when strong currents & waves dangerous in/very near to water are possible. Stay out of water, away from beaches & waterways.
- A **Tsunami Watch** is used when a distant tsunami is possible. Stay tuned to television/radio and be prepared to act.

If you are by the coast & feel an earthquake, get to high ground or go inland!

DURING

Heed the orders of local emergency officials

- If told to evacuate, leave immediately. Take your animals with you.
- Move to high ground or inland and away from the water immediately.
- Stay away from the beach. Never go near shore to watch a tsunami.
- Save yourself—not your possessions.
- Stay tuned to updates and follow the instructions of local emergency officials.

AFTER

- Return only when officials have said it is safe to do so.
- Use caution when re-entering buildings and homes.
- Avoid disaster areas.
- To avoid injury, wear protective clothing and be cautious during clean-up.

REMEMBER

A tsunami is a series of waves that may continue for hours. Do not assume that after one wave, the danger is over. It is possible that the next waves be larger than the first one.

For more information, contact County of San Luis Obispo Office of Emergency Services

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