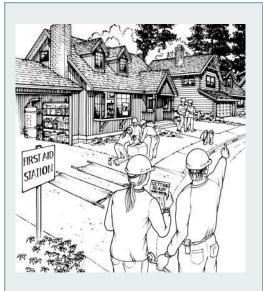
# **Get Started Today!**

1. Register for a Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) training class today!

Call (626) 744-7276 or email:

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- 2. Attend the MYN training where you will learn how to organize your neighborhood
- 3. Determine neighborhood boundary of 15 to 20 homes to organize with MYN.
- 4. Then talk with your neighbors about what you learned and get organized!
- 5. Personally invite neighbors to a neighborhood meeting.
- 6. Conduct 90-minute MYN meeting with materials and DVD that we provide you.
- 7. Help each other prepare.
- 8. After meeting, fill out MYN Postcard and mail to us to register your neighborhood as "MYN Prepared."
- 9. Keep in touch with neighbors. Sign up for additional CERT training and first aid classes.
- 10. Get prepared! Stay prepared!



Map Your Neighborhood

Training Offered by the Pasadena Fire Department Disaster Advisory Council

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# Map Your Neighborhood



Preparing Neighborhoods Before Disaster Strikes

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"Neighbor Helping Neighbor" When Emergencies Occur



#### Fire Chief Bertral Washington:

# WHY Map Your Neighborhood?

Disasters will, strike at any time of the day or night and the reality is that emergency responders will not be available to everyone and may not able to reach you for several days following a major disaster.

Neighbors must be prepared to work together to respond to a variety of challenging situations during the first few days or week following a catastrophic event, from turning off gas meters and water valves to small fires and injuries.

Map Your Neighborhood is a program that helps neighbors get organized in groups of 15 to 20 household to respond to disasters and readiness at the local level.

Map Your Neighborhood teaches you what to do and how to do it during the hours or days before responders or outside help reaches you and your neighbors.

Map Your Neighborhood gives you a 9-Step Process to use after a disaster strikes, giving you the confidence to think clearly in a timely manner during a crisis.

### **USE MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

- Learn specialized skills to help you & your neighbors.
- Create a Contact List in your 15- to 20-home neighborhood to identify those with special needs; seniors; disabled persons and households with children.
- **Develop** an Equipment and Skills List that you and your neighbors have as a shared resource that allows everyone to participate.
- Map where all gas meters and water valves are located to make it easier to check and secure.
- **Identify** potential risks in your neighborhood now.
- Designate a safe Gathering Place where you and your neighbors can meet, share resources and begin your emergency response.
- Store food and other supplies for up to a week to 10+ days. You need one (1) gallon of water per person per day. Remember, a typical water heater holds 32 gallons of water.

# WATER VALVES & GAS METERS

Among the most important things after a major earthquake or disaster is to know where your gas meter and water valve are located and how or when to turn them off.

**GAS METER:** Shut off gas immediately if you smell "rotten egg" odor; hear hissing sounds or see the meter spinning rapidly. Keep a turn-off wrench tied to your gas meter so you or your neighbors have the right tool handy in a disaster.

Never turn gas back on once it has been turned off. Only let a certified plumber or the Gas Company turn back on; safely re-light your pilot lights and inspect for leaks.

WATER VALVE: Water is a precious resource following a disaster. Turn off water at main water valve to keep contaminates from polluting water supply and to prevent gravity from your draining water heater and toilet tanks.

- Pre-determine location of master shut-off valve to the house and what tools you need
- In general, turn valve to right until closed
- Label valve so household members
  know where it is located
- In general, master value is <u>not</u> located in a box near street curb but near the house
- Turn back on when you hear that water system is safe for drinking.