

CALAMITY JANE EXPRESS (R)
Emergency Checklist
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Standard Messages

Tsunamis 1/2

Protect Your Property

- **Actively protect your home.**

Warning. Watch

-A **Tsunami WARNING** means a dangerous tsunami may have been generated and could be close to your area. Warnings are issued when an earthquake is detected that meets the location and magnitude criteria for the generation of a tsunami. The warning includes predicted tsunami arrival times at selected coastal communities within the geographic area defined by the maximum distance the tsunami could travel in a few hours.

-A **Tsunami WATCH** means a dangerous tsunami has not yet been verified but could exist and may be as little as an hour away. A watch—issued along with a tsunami warning— predicts additional tsunami arrival times for a geographic area defined by the distance the tsunami could travel in more than a few hours.

If you are at risk from tsunamis, you should:

- Avoid building or living in buildings within several hundred feet of the coastline.
- Make a list of items to bring inside in the event of a tsunami.
- Elevate coastal homes.
- Take precautions to prevent flooding.
- Have an engineer check your home and advise about ways to make it more resistant to tsunami water.
- Ensure that any outbuildings, pastures, or corrals are protected in the same way as your home.

You Feel a Strong Coastal Earthquake

- **Drop, cover, and hold on; then climb to higher ground.**

Protect Yourself

- **Determine your risk.**
- **Prepare members of your household.**
- **Learn and practice evacuation routes.**

Be aware of signs that can mean a tsunami may be approaching:

- A strong earthquake lasting 20 seconds or more near the coast.
- A noticeable rapid rise or fall in coastal waters.

If you feel an earthquake that lasts 20 seconds or longer when you are in a coastal area, you should:

- Drop, cover, and hold on.
- When the shaking stops, gather members of your household and move quickly to higher ground away from the coast.
- Avoid downed power lines and stay away from buildings and bridges

If you are in an area at risk from tsunamis, you should:

- Find out if your home, school, workplace, or other frequently visited locations are in tsunami hazard areas.
- Know the height of your street above sea level and the distance of your street from the coast or other high-risk waters.
- Plan evacuation routes from your home, school, workplace, or any other place you could be where tsunamis present a risk.
- If your children's school is in an identified inundation zone, find out what the school evacuation plan is.
- Practice your evacuation routes.
- Use a NOAA Weather Radio or stay tuned to a local radio or television station to keep informed of local watches and warnings.
- Talk to your insurance agent.
- Discuss tsunamis with your family.

A Tsunami Watch Is Issued

- **Stay informed.**
- **Be ready to evacuate.**

You should:

- Use a NOAA Weather Radio or stay tuned to a Coast Guard emergency frequency station, or a local radio or television station for updated emergency information.
- Check your Disaster Supplies Kit.
- Locate household members and review evacuation plans. .
- If any members of your household have special evacuation needs (small children, elderly people, or people with disabilities) consider evacuating early.
- If time permits, secure unanchored objects around your home or business.
- Be ready to evacuate.
- Bring your companion animals indoors and maintain direct control of them.
- Consider a precautionary evacuation of your animals.

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