

Houghton Bay Area

Local resources available in the case of a civil emergency

The idea of documenting household skills and equipment for emergency use was enthusiastically supported by the March 23 civil defence community meeting at the School. I've agreed to co-ordinate this.

The proposal is for people to make a list like the sample below so if an earthquake does hit there is a good record of the local gear and skills which might be useful in helping out.

If you are happy to take a few minutes please make up a list by stripping out my information and replacing it with your own.

There's been some discussion about distribution. Some people are happy for their information to be circulated to others on the list; others wish it to be restricted to a hard copy kept in the Civil Defence cabinet at the school. Please indicate what you want by removing one of the two lines below:

- * I/we are happy for this resource list to be circulated to others
- * Please restrict availability to a hard copy in the Civil Defence cabinet

Plans are being worked on for updating these lists, perhaps once a year. Feedback welcome, especially if you have an idea for improvements. Norman

Name	
Address	
Contacts	
Personal skills - Health	e.g. Basic first aid
Personal skills – General	e.g. Reasonably good carpentry and handyman skills to turn to most tasks
Inside the house resources	e.g. House has open fire, people can come here to keep warm. Generous emergency kit already set up, including water. Spare beds and bedding, pillows, sleeping bags. Well stocked pantry, tinned and dry goods. Wind-up radio, corded telephones (2) in case of power cuts
Emergency sleeping/camping out	e.g. Gas BBQ for cooking. Camping equipment including tents, toilet and toilet tent, cooker, chilly bins, large tarpaulins, solar showers. Large separate garage/workshop – could be used for sleeping.
Tools, equipment and general resources	e.g. Workshop with range of hand tools, axes, saws. Range of electric tools: chainsaw, water blaster, drill, skill saw. Large amount of firewood. Timber that can be used for temporary construction. Ladders, ropes. Gardening-type tools: shovels, forks, shears etc.
Other	e.g. Transport - mountain bike for getting around if roads are impassable for cars.