

TSUNAMI AWARENESS WEEK

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program have designated March 22-26 as Tsunami Awareness Week.

A tsunami can kill or injure people and damage or destroy buildings and infrastructure as waves come in and go out. A tsunami is a series of enormous ocean waves caused by earthquakes, underwater landslides, volcanic eruptions, or asteroids.

Tsunamis can:

- Travel 20-30 miles per hour with waves 10-100 feet high.

- Cause flooding and disrupt transportation, power, communications, and the water supply.

- Happen anywhere along U.S. coasts. Coasts that border the Pacific Ocean or Caribbean Sea have the greatest risk.

If you are under a tsunami warning:

- First, protect yourself from an Earthquake. Drop, Cover, then Hold On.

- Get to high ground as far inland as possible. You can protect yourself from a tsunami while also protecting yourself and your family from COVID-19. Protect yourself from the effects of a tsunami by moving from the shore to safe, high grounds outside tsunami hazard areas.

- Be alert to signs of a tsunami, such as a sudden rise or draining of ocean waters.

- Listen to emergency information and alerts.

- Evacuate: DO NOT wait! Leave as soon as you see any natural signs of a tsunami or receive an official tsunami warning.

- Always follow the instructions from local emergency managers. They provide the latest recom-

mendations based on the threat in your community. The situation might be different under the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Make plans to shelter with friends and family, if possible.

- If you are in a boat, go out to sea.

How to stay safe:

• Prepare Now

If you live near, or regularly visit a coastal area, learn about the risk of tsunami in the area. Some at-risk communities have maps with evacuation zones and routes. If you are a visitor, ask about community plans.

Learn the signs of a potential tsunami, such as an earthquake, a loud roar from the ocean, or unusual ocean behavior, such as a sudden rise or wall of water or sudden draining of water showing the ocean floor.

Know and practice community evacuation plans and map out your routes from home, work, and play. Pick shelters 100 feet or more above sea level, or at least one mile inland.

Create a family emergency communication plan that has an out-of-state contact. Plan where to meet if you get separated.

Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

Consider earthquake insurance and a flood insurance policy through the

Are You in the Zone?

#TsunamiPrep

Find Out: [TsunamiZone.org](https://www.TsunamiZone.org)



National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Standard homeowner's insurance does not cover flood or earthquake damage.

• Survive During

If you are in a tsunami area and there is an earthquake, then first protect yourself

from the earthquake. Drop, Cover, and Hold On. Drop to your hands and knees. Cover your head and neck with your arms. Hold on to any sturdy furniture until the shaking stops. Crawl only if you can reach better cover, but do not go through an area with more debris. If pos-

sible, avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose, especially after high-touch surfaces, to slow the spread of COVID-19.

When the shaking stops, if there are natural

signs or official warnings of a tsunami, then move immediately to a safe place as high and as far inland as possible. Listen to the authorities, but do not wait for tsunami warnings and evacuation orders.

If you are outside of the tsunami hazard zone and receive a warning, then stay where you are unless officials tell you otherwise.

Leave immediately if you are told to do so. Evacuation routes are often marked by a wave with an arrow in the direction of higher ground.

If you are in the water, then grab onto something that floats, such as a raft, tree trunk, or door. There is no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread through water, however floodwaters may contain debris, chemicals, or waste that are harmful to your health.

If you are in a boat, then face the direction of the waves and head out to sea. If you are in a harbor, then go inland.

• Be Safe After

Listen to local alerts and authorities for information on areas to avoid and shelter locations.

Avoid wading in floodwater, which can contain dangerous debris. Water may be deeper than it appears.

Be aware of the risk of electrocution. Underground or downed power lines can electrically charge water. Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water.

If you become injured or sick and need medical attention, contact your health-care provider for further care instructions and shelter in place, if possible. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 9-1-1.

Stay away from damaged buildings, roads, and bridges.

Document property damage with photographs. Conduct an inventory and contact your insurance company for assistance.

Save phone calls for emergencies. Phone systems are often down or busy after a disaster. Use text messages or social media to communicate with family and friends.

Engage virtually with your community through video and phone calls. Know that it's normal to feel anxious or stressed. Take care of your body and talk to someone if you are feeling upset.

People can learn more at www.ready.gov/tsunamis and www.tsunamizone.org.

To our valued readers:

Help small businesses affected by coronavirus right now, including ours.

Businesses of all sizes have been hit hard in this challenging new age of social distancing and self-isolation, but the blow has been catastrophic for small operations that rely on in-person transactions. There are many ways to help this holiday season, like purchasing gift certificates or memberships, and yet there are many service-type businesses that don't have that option.

As we look to a new year, we're celebrating what connects us as a community, and what we can do to support our local businesses!

THAT'S WHY WE CREATED THE SUPPORT LOCAL TOGETHER CAMPAIGN.

The Support Local Together campaign will help local businesses who have to choose between promoting their business and paying the electric bill. It will also help support the *Siuslaw News*, who has seen a strong decrease in advertising revenue, but an increase in readership.

IT DOES TWO THINGS.

1. Funds advertising dollars for local businesses

Your financial support will go directly to fund advertising that our local businesses need to stay top of mind.

2. Supports local journalism

By becoming a supporting member, you are helping to replace some of the advertising revenue the *Siuslaw News* has lost over the past ten months, due to the pandemic.

HERE IS HOW TO SUPPORT:

• Call 541-902-3524

• Make a donation of your choosing.

• Choose a specific local business that you would like the advertising credit to go to, or leave that blank and we will designate it to a business we know needs help.

Our community is small but generous and we recognize there are many great organizations, like ours, that could use your help.

We believe the vast majority of our readers have always shared our view of the value and necessity of a strong local media and are willing to provide support equal to two or three cups of coffee a month to secure its future.

Thank you in advance for doing your share to secure a strong local economy in the community we are proud to serve.

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