### Let's get ready

No one likes to think about the worst-case scenario but the better prepared we all are, the easier it will be for us to get through an emergency.

Given our location, the first thing that springs to mind when we think about an emergency event is a major earthquake. It's important we all know what to do in that situation but, as COVID-19 has taught us, unexpected events can take many forms.

We can't predict emergencies but, by taking some simple steps, we can prepare for them.

In an emergency, civil defence and first responders will be very busy and will prioritise the people who need them the most. It's up to us as individuals and as a community to be as prepared as we can be.

Our area is called The Southern Corridor and extends from Boyd Road to Wye Creek. We have a growing Community Resilience Group that has had civil defence training. Thanks to funding from the community and from grants we have emergency generators, lighting and communications equipment ready to set up community hubs if required.

In an emergency event the group will set up a community hub. Depending on the situation this is likely to be at Jacks Point Clubhouse, Te Kura Whakatipu o Kawarau Primary School at Hanley's Farm, or nearby if those buildings are not in a fit state for use. This hub will be a centre for the community to gather, exchange information, coordinate resources and communicate our needs to the district's Emergency Operations Centre.



# Sign up to Otago Gets Ready for emergency alerts

You can also register any special assistance that you may need as well as skills or resources you may be able to offer, helping us all to look after each other in an emergency event. Sign up at otago.getsready.net



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### MAKE A HOUSEHOLD PLAN

Emergencies can happen at any time, think about where you might be - at work, at school, in town. How would you contact your loved ones? Have a chat with the people in your household and work out what you'll do.

Consider tenants and visitors. Will they know what to do in an emergency situation?

Don't forget to prepare for your four-legged friends.



## PUT TOGETHER EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

Make sure you have supplies to last at least three days. That includes food for all members of your household, as well as water - three litres per person per day.

Think about medication and any other special items for your household.

Remember pets and babies!

Have a grab bag ready in case you need to leave your house in a hurry.



#### **MAKE YOUR HOME SAFER**

Use brackets or straps to secure tall and heavy furniture to the wall.

Secure or move heavy/fragile items off higher shelves.

Make sure you know how to turn off the gas and water to your property.

Think about external rainwater storage.

Remember that the sewage step tanks on JP properties have some capacity (up to 48 hours).

After a major earthquake roads and bridges may be impassable. The Kawarau Bridge and Devil's Staircase are particularly vulnerable points, so road access to this area could be cut off for some time.

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for more ideas on



**HOMESTEAD BAY** 

KAWARAU BRIDGE

ŌRAKA-DRIFT BAY

TO DEVIL'S STAIRCASE