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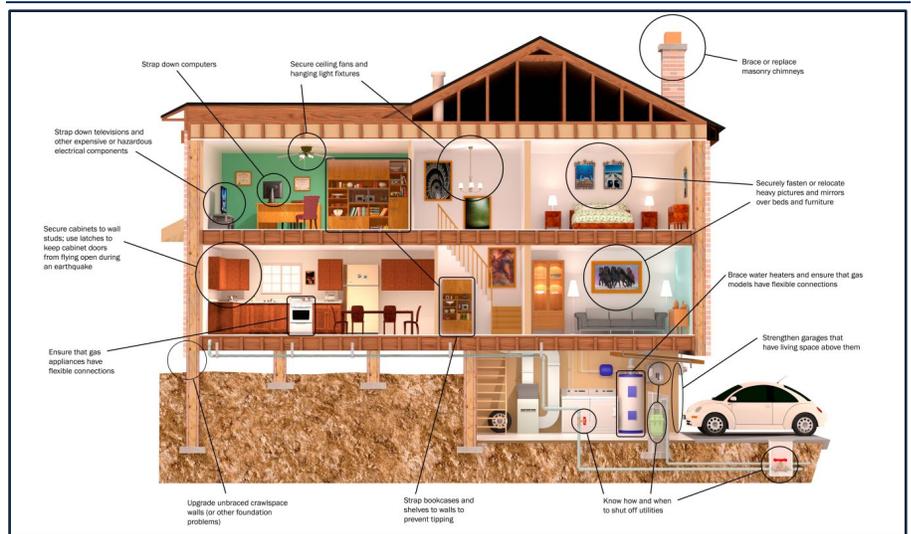


Figure 1: FEMA brochure, [Earthquake Home Hazard Hunt](#).

Earthquake Awareness: The Next Steps

By Sean McGowan, Anne Rosinski, & Amanda Siok

Thursday, October 21st was the annual Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill for many communities around the world. We hope you joined the more than 30 million participants worldwide and used it as an opportunity to practice what you would do if an earthquake struck. The basics of Drop, Cover and Hold On could save your life. The ShakeOut is a great way to maintain readiness and make those response actions second instinct. With those skills as a base, you can start taking the next steps to make your home and your community more earthquake ready.

One of the first actions you can do, and that won't cost you anything, is to take a look at your home and identify potential hazards during an

earthquake. Identifying items that could fall and injure someone is a great start to making your home safer. Once you've done that, you can take actions to minimize those risks.

Good starter activities include: strap down televisions, computers, and other expensive or hazardous electronics; secure or move heavy picture and mirrors located over beds or other furniture; brace water heaters and make sure that gas models have flexible connections; and know how and when to shut off utilities.

For a list of earthquake damage prevention measures and retrofits — including a cut-away diagram of where these potential hazards can be found in your home — download the [FEMA brochure Earthquake Home Hazard Hunt](#).

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Sean McGowan, Anne Rosinski and Amanda Siok are the Earthquake Program Managers for FEMA Regions 8, 9 and 10 respectively.

To view the full version of this article and its accompanying resources, head to [FEMA's website](#).

FEMA Region 10 Welcomes New NFIP Specialist



Denis Jeney,
Floodplain Management
& Insurance Branch

FEMA Region 10 is pleased to welcome Dennis Jeney to the Floodplain Management and Insurance Branch, Mitigation Division.

Mr. Dennis Jeney is a Floodplain Management Specialist assigned to Region 10. His primary responsibilities include meeting with local communities and tribes in Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington to implement the NFIP through community assistance visits, outreach and education and compliance work.

Prior to joining Region 10, Mr. Jeney served FEMA in the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Hazard Mitigation Cadre Branch, as a Hazard Mitigation Task Force Leader. Prior to joining FEMA, he was employed by the City of Rehoboth Beach, DE, as their Floodplain Administrator, Residential Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer. He holds

several certifications, to include ASFPM Certified Floodplain Manager, and ICC Code Enforcement Administrator, Residential Building Inspector, Zoning Inspector and Permit Technician. Mr. Jeney served 30 years in the United States Air Force, serving tours in Germany, Colombia, Hungary and Italy, to name a few.

Mr. Jeney has a Bachelor of Science degree in Legal Studies from the American Military University. He and his wife, Leah, live in Woodinville, Washington and have five adult children whom are dispersed along the west coast. When he is not serving the community, he enjoys travelling and participating in numerous activities that the outdoors of the Pacific Northwest offers, to include fishing, backpacking, and skiing.

If you would like to get in contact with Mr. Jeney, you can reach him via [email](#).

FEMA Region 10 Partners to Support Hispanic/Latinx Communities

WA Commission on Hispanic Affairs

The Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs (CHA) and FEMA are partnering to expand access to the FEMA Funeral Assistance Program for Hispanic/Latinx communities in Washington. This collaboration is an opportunity for FEMA to work with the Commission to engage with, inform, and reach Hispanic/Latinx community members who have lost a loved one to COVID-19.

“The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have—and continue to be—devastating,” says Vince Maykovich, Acting FEMA Region 10 Administrator. *“By partnering*

with CHA, we want to build relationships with Hispanic/Latinx communities in Washington and raise awareness about how to register and participate in FEMA's Funeral Assistance program.”

“We facilitate access to information and resources to the Hispanic/Latinx communities across the state of Washington. This means that we advise, lead, and help make sure that information is delivered in a digestible, culturally relevant way. We hope to aid in raising awareness about this valuable and important program in our community. COVID-19 has disproportionately affected the Hispanic/Latinx community in our state, and we hope this information encourages our community to apply to this program and help ease the financial aspects of placing a loved one to rest,” says María Sigüenza, Executive Director of the Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

If members of your community incurred COVID-19-related funeral, burial, or cremation expenses on or after January 20, 2020, FEMA may be able to help with some of those costs. To apply, call FEMA at 844-684-6333. The helpline is open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. PT. Multilingual services are available.

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Ask the Help Desk

The Region 10 Service Center is here to help local community officials and stakeholders with technical, training, mitigation, and mapping questions.

Email RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com.

FEMA Partners to Support (cont'd)

If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien. However, there is no eligibility requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien. A funeral assistance video describing eligibility is also available on YouTube in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), view and share today.

For more information about FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Program, visit [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

Training Opportunity: L-273 in Idaho

Twin Falls, Idaho | November 15th-18th

The Idaho Department of Water Resources is offering FEMA's L-273 training course: **Managing Floodplain Development Through the NFIP.**

This course is designed to provide an organized training opportunity for local officials responsible for administering their local floodplain management ordinances. The course will focus on the NFIP, the concepts of sound floodplain management, Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Insurance Studies, ordinance administration, and the relationship between floodplain management and flood insurance.

This course will be offered in Twin Falls, Idaho from November 15th – 18th, followed by a CFM Exam testing opportunity on November 19th.

For more information, or to register for this training, please contact [Idaho's State NFIP Coordinator](#).



Newsletter Ideas?

Want to spread the word about an upcoming event or recent success story? Let us know what you want to see in future issues! Articles can be up to 500 words and may include pictures.

Email RXNewsletter@starr-team.com.

Online Training

(All times Pacific)

CRS: CRS & Substantial Damage Properties Management Plans

November 16, 10:00 am
Online - 1 CEC

CRS: Watershed Master Planning

November 17, 10:00 am
Online - 1 CEC

To register for online courses, visit STARR's training site: j.mp/starronlinetraining, or email RXTraining@starr-team.com.