

# When seconds count... TsunamiReady communities are prepared!

Schools, playgrounds, hospitals, factories and homes are often built in areas vulnerable to tsunamis. The TsunamiReady Program, developed by the National Weather Service, is designed to help cities, counties and towns in coastal areas to reduce the potential for disastrous tsunami-related consequences.



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## How can I learn more about TsunamiReady?

For more information about TsunamiReady, visit the TsunamiReady web site at

<http://tsunami.gov>

or Contact the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at your local NWS forecast office.

Find them at  
[www.stormready.noaa.gov/contact.htm](http://www.stormready.noaa.gov/contact.htm)



TsunamiReady is part of NWS's StormReady program. To find out more about it, visit [www.stormready.noaa.gov](http://www.stormready.noaa.gov)



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Is  
Your  
Community  
Ready  
for the  
Next  
**Tsunami?**



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People who live on the coast of the Pacific Ocean are vulnerable to tsunamis. This natural phenomenon, usually caused by large earthquakes, can potentially impact every coastal community. Communities can rely on the National Weather Service's TsunamiReady program to help.



Communities receive two TsunamiReady signs upon meeting program criteria.

# Is Your Community TsunamiReady?

## What is TsunamiReady?

Through the TsunamiReady program, NOAA's National Weather Service gives communities the skills and education needed to survive a tsunami before, during and after the event. TsunamiReady helps community leaders and emergency managers strengthen their local tsunami operations.

## TsunamiReady does not mean Tsunami Proof.

TsunamiReady communities are better prepared to save lives from the onslaught of a tsunami through better planning, education and awareness. Communities have fewer fatalities and property damage if they plan before a tsunami arrives. No community is tsunami proof, but TsunamiReady can help communities save lives.

## How can my community become TsunamiReady?

Encourage your community leaders to adopt the TsunamiReady program. Business leaders, civic groups, political leaders, and local government officials can be instrumental in helping their community to become TsunamiReady.

## Some of the Criteria

To be recognized as TsunamiReady, here are some of the criteria that a community must meet:

- ✓ Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center
- ✓ Have more than one way to receive tsunami warnings and to alert the public
- ✓ Promote public readiness through community education and the distribution of information
- ✓ Develop a formal tsunami plan, which includes holding emergency exercises.

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