

Hau'ula Community Family Emergency Plan



A 2012 NOAA NWS Storm Ready/Tsunami Ready
Community

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Introduction

It is hoped that this booklet along with the Hau'ula Emergency Planning and Evacuation Guide will help all of us in preparing our family members for most common emergencies that may occur within the Ko'olauloa area.

We hope through education and training, you and your family will plan and implement a Family Emergency Plan with some of the knowledge and ideas shared in this booklet. The sole responsibility lies with each individual family to prepare for disasters and to become self-reliant.

This booklet is a compilation of various sources such as the Hawaiian Electric Handbook for Emergency Preparedness- which is a supplement to this plan, American Red Cross (ARC), FEMA, City and County of Honolulu, Department of Emergency Management (DEM), The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Hau'ula Community Association (HCA), and various websites on the internet.

Disclaimer

The Hau'ula Community Association's Hau'ula Emergency Leadership Preparedness (HELP) Community Family Emergency Plan is intended solely as a reference booklet for individual or family emergency planning purposes. Use of this booklet is voluntary and individuals, families and organizations can choose to use this plan, as desired.

However, since it is inevitable that changes will occur in life as well as in disaster preparedness planning, no warranty or guarantee is given as to the accuracy or completeness of the information provided herein. While it provides general emergency guidelines, common sense must govern all emergency actions. Families are encouraged to obtain updated information with the various responder agencies to insure the most current information is used in family planning. Moreover, since the majority of Hau'ula refuge sites do not have adequate facilities such as water, electricity, sleeping or toilet facilities, families are encouraged to seek refuge at areas with adequate facilities as their first choice.

General Information

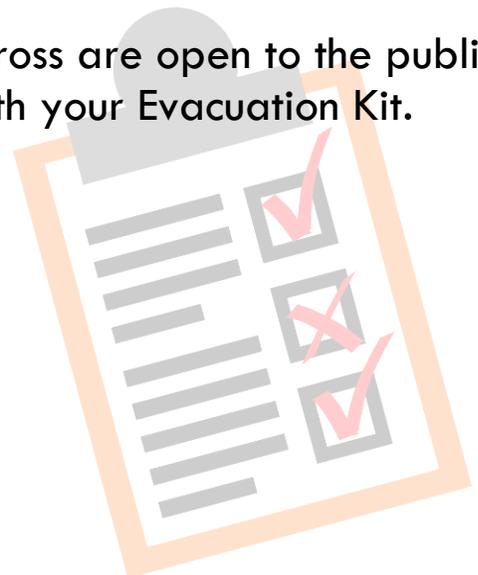
Most of our communities are in a low lying coastal plain subject to damage caused by tsunamis, hurricanes, and flooding. All of these have impacted the area in the past and will continue to strike again in the future, as could other disasters, such as earthquakes and landslides.

For example: If an earthquake should rock the island of Oahu, this could cause rock slides at both Waimea Bay and Kalae Oio point. This could cut off all of Ko'olauloa's electricity, water, transportation, and food for days or even weeks.

It is important that every family develop a family emergency plan before disaster strikes, especially since families may not be together at times of emergencies.

Key Points

- Have a Family Emergency Plan and conduct regular drills.
- Have a 7-day Evacuation Kit for each family member.
- Have a communication plan for your family. Report your whereabouts and needs to family members and to your block captains and community leaders.
- Once you and your family are secured and safe, be ready to assist other community residents.
- Roads may be impassable, be prepared to walk to your designated evacuation site.
- Follow the directions of Civil Defense, Police, Fire and other emergency personnel.
- Shelters operated by the American Red Cross are open to the public. Shelter space is limited, so arrive early with your Evacuation Kit.
- Secure your property when you evacuate.
- Make arrangements for your pets.



Family Emergency Plan

While it is impossible to predict and prepare for every contingency, we must do all that we can to be prepared. If you fail to prepare, you have prepared to fail.

A good family emergency plan can help ensure that all family members are safe and accounted for. The internet is a good source for such planning, (see appendix for web sites) but here are a few tips on what makes a good family emergency plan:

- K.I.S.S.: Keep It Short and Simple. It'll be easy to remember.
- Determine beforehand what family members will do and where to go to. It depends upon where they are, when it happens, and what type of disaster or emergency is occurring.
- Develop a communication plan when phones (landline and cell) are down. Making long distance calls may be easier to complete than local calls.
- Designate an off island or mainland contact point for locating separated family members.
- Keep cards with key information up to date and accessible. Documents should contain name, date of birth, SSN, medical information, and a recent photograph of family members.
- Your plan should anticipate where family members spend most of their time: work, school, and other places. Then have family members follow the prescribed plan of their school or employer until you can make a confirmed contact with family members.
- Always have more than one plan. Each emergency calls for different planning. Keep all family members informed of changes of the plan as the situation changes.
- Discuss your family plans and rehearse them often.



Evacuation Kits

(Formerly the “72 hour” Kit, “Grab and Go” Bag or “Bug Out” Bag)

A Evacuation Kit should be prepared for each family member that can be carried with you when you evacuate in a moment’s notice. Ideas of items to include:

- A sturdy backpack or a rolling suitcase to carry your supplies.
- Water and food for 7 days. 1 gallon of water per day per person is recommended for drinking, cooking and sanitation purposes; however, in evacuations, each person should bring as much water they can carry with them.
- Flashlight and radio. (Solar charged, cranked or battery power – if battery powered, bring extra batteries).
- First aid supplies and medications with prescriptions.
- Emergency blanket and poncho.
- Material for a temporary shelter or tent such as a tarp.
- Place all the following Important items such as insurance policies, recent pictures of family members, video of household goods for insurance purposes, birth certificates, medical records, and a list of extra medicines that you or family members require, etc., into a waterproof container such as a Ziploc bag.
- Hygiene and sanitation supplies. (Toilet paper, soap, feminine products, etc.)
- Extra set of durable clothing in water-tight bag and durable shoes.
- Car keys, house keys, cash in small bills and coins.
- Reading material for children and adults.
- Extra pair of glasses or contacts.
- Special items for infants, elderly, and special needs family members.



Common Disasters

TSUNAMI

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center monitors potential tsunamis throughout the Pacific Rim area but an undersea earthquake near Oahu could generate a destructive wave that could strike in minutes. If you experience the ground shaking, go to high ground immediately; do not wait for the sirens to sound.

- Determine whether you are in the inundation (flood zone) during your planning sessions.
- Study the community for possible evacuation sites.
- If you **feel** the ground shake violently, if you **see** the water recede and/or **hear** the roar of the wave approaching (sounds like a freight train) immediately evacuate to higher ground. These are the natural warning signs of an approaching Tsunami.
- The closer the earthquake is to Oahu, the faster it will arrive and more forceful the tsunami wave will be.
- Take your Evacuation Kit and other items that you planned to take and implement your family plan quickly.
- Never go to the beach to watch the tsunami waves.
- Listen to your radio and follow the instructions of Department of Emergency Management and other emergency personnel.
- Stay away from damaged areas and avoid debris and water until notified by Department of Emergency Management personnel.

HURRICANE

Hurricanes can and do strike Hawaii, especially during hurricane season, from June to November.

- If there's time, secure your property-board up windows, fasten roof to structure, trim trees around your home, secure outdoor objects, turn off utilities.
- Take your Evacuation Kit.

- Evacuate to the nearest shelter as directed by Department of Emergency Management personnel.
- Listen to the radio/TV for information.
- If you decide to “shelter within”, stay away from windows and glass doors, close all interior doors; take refuge in a small interior room on the lowest level of your home.

FLOODING

Conditions that cause flooding include heavy or steady rainfall that saturates the ground, flash floods and blocked streams.

- Listen to the radio/TV for storm warnings.
- Be prepared to evacuate to higher ground with your Evacuation Kit.
- Stay away from running waters that are more than six (6) inches deep if you are on foot, twelve (12) inches if you are driving.
- Return home only when officials have declared it’s safe.
- Assess your home for structural damage, fallen power lines, gas line breaks and other items to determine if it is safe before entering the house.
- Wear protective rain gear, rubber boots and gloves.
- Make sure water and food items that have been exposed to flood waters are safe to consume. In doubt, throw it out.



EARTHQUAKE

Serious earthquakes can happen suddenly. The best guard against such a disaster is advance preparation.

- Identify potential hazards in your home and prevent damage by fastening, bracing, securing and making necessary repairs.
- Establish safe places indoors and outdoors, create a family emergency plan and review it periodically.
- If indoor during the quake, drop, cover and hold (drop to the floor, take cover under a sturdy table and hold onto its leg to protect your head from falling debris). If this is not possible, drop next to a strong piece of furniture that will not collapse under the falling debris or lay



against a sturdy wall that will provide a space to shelter you and cover your head and neck with your hands and arms.

- If outdoor, stay in an open area away from buildings and other vertical structures.
- If you feel the ground shaking evacuate immediately to high ground. Do not wait for the Sirens to sound as this may be a sign of a local Tsunami approaching.

Approved Red Cross Shelters

- Brigham Young University-Hawaii
Cannon Activities Center - 10-15' elevation
For Hurricane Evacuation & Shelter, Flood Evacuation & Shelter ONLY, open to the general population.
- Kahuku High & Intermediate School 10-20' elevation
For Hurricane Evacuation & Shelter ONLY, open to the general population, special needs and pet friendly.
- Kahuku Elementary School 40-60' elevation
For Flooding Evacuation & Shelter and Tsunami Evacuation & Shelter ONLY, open to the general population.

THESE SHELTERS WILL FILL QUICKLY. LISTEN FOR UPDATES WHEN THEY WILL OPEN, ARRIVE EARLY TO REGISTER & BRING YOUR EVACUATION KIT.



**American
Red Cross**

Other possible evacuation sites where you will need to bring your own shelter, food, water and toilet. For Flooding Evacuation & Shelter and Tsunami Evacuation & Shelter ONLY.

- Hauula LDS Mauka Chapel on Hauula Homestead Rd. 55-75'
- Privately owned properties above Hauula Homestead Road and Hanaimoa St. 70-90'
- United Church of Christ at the end of the cane haul road near 54-070 Hauula Homestead Road. 40-45'
- Hauula Cemetery. 35'
- Upper end of Kawaipuna, Kawaeku, Street, and Kawaewae Pl. 50-60'
- Hauula Shopping Center. 25' (add another 20' if you are on the roof)
- The vacant lot at the end of Lanihuli St. in Laie. 40-45'
- Cackle Fresh Egg Farm Road 40-60'
- Gunstock Ranch in Malaekahana. 40-80'
- Kahuku subdivision behind Kahuku Hospital. 60-100'
- Operator's Engineer's Training Center. 80-120'
- US Army Training Area "B" and "C". 40-100'
- Opana Trucking Station Road. 40-45'



EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATIONS:

You may be alerted to the emergency by the sounding of the State of Hawaii Civil Defense sirens. When you hear the sirens, tune to any radio or television station for emergency information and instructions.

Evacuation instructions may be issued over the Emergency Alert System (EAS) via radio (KSSK AM 590/FM 92.3) and television through the Honolulu Police Department, Honolulu Fire Department, Department of Emergency Management Reserve Corp or from Civil Air Patrol aircraft.

Foreign language broadcasts of emergency information may be found on KNDI AM 1270 (Ilocano, Tagalog, Cantonese, Mandarin, Okinawan, Vietnamese, Laotian, Hispanic, Samoan, Tongan, Marshallese, Chuukese, Pohnpeian and English), KZOO AM 1210 (Japanese), and KREA 1460 AM (Korean).



Upon receiving knowledge of a pending disaster from the State of Hawaii Civil Defense, City and County of Honolulu, Department of Emergency Management (formerly known as Oahu Civil Defense), National Weather Service, each Block Captain will initiate a telephone tree notification to all the Captains under his sector via cell or landline phone.

Volunteer Training

The City and County Department of Emergency Management will instruct and certify volunteers in Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training.

Community Volunteers are needed to assist Red Cross Shelter Management operations and will be trained and certified by the American Red Cross prior to being able to manage various shelter sites in Hau'ula.

Red Cross Shelter Management and other disaster related Red Cross training will be available to interested residents. Please contact us if interested.

Internet Emergency Preparedness courses with The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Civil Defense and others are also available on-line.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:

Contact Burt Greene at 293-0820 or Richard Tolleson at 478-7790 for more information.



Block Captains

The objective of the Hau'ula Community Association and various church congregations located in the Hau'ula area is to educate members of the community and encourage them to develop their own Family Emergency Plan.

This will be done through the efforts of volunteers who have been asked to serve as Block Captains, Captains of Fifties, and Captains of Tens.

The community will be divided into small manageable clusters of homes in groups of tens.

Block Captains: These volunteers along with an assistant will be assigned to a block of ten homes near their home to visit, educate, and assist in the planning process and when called upon for further help after the initial visit.

Captains of Ten: These volunteers will coordinate and assist in the efforts of the Block Captains under their jurisdiction.

Captains of Fifties: These volunteers will assist the Block Captains and Captains of Tens.

After the initial planning visit, these volunteers will maintain a communication plan with their families, sectors and streets. Each family should know who their block captain is. These Captains will also assist in the assessment of damages, rescue and recovery efforts.



Notification

The procedure of notification is as follows:

Block Captains:

- a. Will call and determine if the family is aware of the warning.
- b. Determine if family will evacuate and follow through with their family emergency plan.
- c. Determine what kind of special help they may need that may not be included in their planning.
- d. Report to Captain of Tens the status of the families and their intentions.
 - e. Communication with each other in their sector will be with the Family Radio Service (FRS) walkie-talkies or similar hand-held radios.

Captains of Tens:

- a. Gather information from all Block Captains under his/her care.
- b. Report information to his Captain of Fifties.

Captains of Fifties:

- a. Each Captain will initially report all information and status of evacuee operations to the EOC, and then followed up with periodic updated reports as necessary.

Emergency Operations Command Center:

- a. The EOC will receive reports from the Captains of Fifties and relays necessary communication to the City Department of Emergency Management Emergency Operation Center; however, if unable to reach the City, relays will be made to the Hawaii State Civil Defense Emergency Operation Center.



Hau`ula Incident Emergency Operations Command Center (EOC)

Before the Disaster:

a. An Incident EOC in Hau`ula will be established and activated in place along with an established communication plan. Using the FRS radios, the EOC will receive reports from Captains of Fifties regarding the movement of families to ensure that all families have been notified, mobilized and accounted for.

b. Using HAM radios, the EOC will provide status reports by way of the Kailua Amateur HAM relay network to City Department of Emergency Management, or American Red Cross (ARC) as appropriate.

1. Status report of families and individuals to respective organizations
2. Report of the needs of the community as a whole.

After the Disaster:

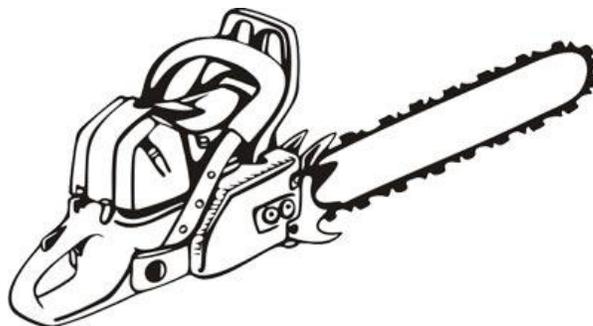
a. The EOC will set up a simplex radio operation to facilitate communication between recovery volunteers and the EOC.

b. The EOC will assist in the management of the recovery efforts primarily focused on highway/road debris removal.

c. The EOC will maintain continuous contact with Red Cross City Department of Emergency Management.

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Helpful Links on Disaster Management

www.3steps.org, Neighbors Uniting Neighbors

www.providentliving.org, Provident Living

www.ldsavow.com, LDS Another Voice of Warning

www.fema.gov, Federal Emergency Management Agency

www.scd.hawaii.gov, Hawaii State Civil Defense

www.oahudem.org, Honolulu Dept of Emergency Management

www.redcross.org, American Red Cross

www.nixle.com/dem, Automated Emergency Alerts

www.koolauloacalendar.org/help, This link accesses handouts and more disaster related useful information including:

- Sign up for Nixle Emergency Alerts
- Pacific Tsunami Warning Center
- National Weather Service Center
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Honolulu
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) FEMA
- Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES)
- Hawaiian Electric Handbook for Emergency Preparedness
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Homeowner's Handbook to Prepare for Natural Disasters (University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program)
- Honolulu Department of Emergency Management
- Honolulu Elderly Affairs
- Honolulu Board of Water Supply
- Department of Education – Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness
- Hawaii Heart Foundation
- Honolulu Elderly Affairs Division
- Tsunami Evacuation Maps

Your Block Captain's Name & Number:

Address and Contact Information:

Other People to Contact:

Notes:
