



*FIRE SAFETY STARTS AT HOME*

**Never Leave Candles Unattended !**

Keep matches & lighters out of reach of children

Always have an escape plan and practice it!

Inspect all electrical cords regularly.

Use only approved electrical devices.

Test your smoke detectors monthly.

Keep all combustible items clear of all ignition sources ( fireplaces, electrical panels, stove, etc).

Keep an extinguisher on hand and know how to use it.

Make sure your address is visible and legible from the street.

BEACH SAFETY TIPS

**Beware** of dangerous rips and deep tidal pools while in the ocean.

**Remember**, there are no lifeguards on the Gearhart or Clatsop beaches.

**Beware** of the tides when enjoying the beach.

**Drive** safely and sensibly, there are many users of the beach including children and pets.

**Keep** fires at least 50 feet from any beach grass.

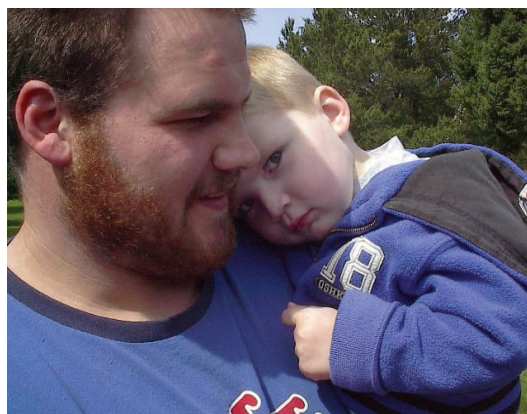
**Always** extinguish you campfire prior to leaving.

**Do not** throw any garbage, cans or bottles in your fire.

**Only** use clean wood items in your fire, remove nails or other debris.

**Never** use any fireworks in the grassy areas of the dunes.

**Always** take your trash with you when you leave the beach. Lets help keep our beaches clean.



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Urban Interface Areas

**Keep** dead brush and dry grass clear of your home (at least 50 feet).

**Keep** your grass green next to your home.

**Do not** stack fire wood or other combustible debris against your home.

**Trim** or remove trees or limbs that are with 30 feet of your home.

**Clean** gutters regularly to keep clear of dried debris.

**Keep** the barbeque safely clear of combustible items.

**Dispose** of charcoal briquettes in a fire proof container and away from all combustibles.

**Make** sure your address is visible and legible from the street.

**Follow** state and local restrictions on burning, fireworks and building campfires. Check with the Oregon Department of Forestry and/ or Gearhart Fire for the latest information.

## EVACUATION

### TSUNAMIS PREPAREDNESS

#### ABOUT TSUNAMIS

A Tsunami is a series of sea waves, usually caused by a displacement of the ocean floor by an undersea earthquake. As tsunamis enter shallow water near land, they increase in height and can cause great loss of life and property damage.

We distinguish between a tsunami caused by an undersea earthquake **near** the Oregon coast (**LOCAL TSUNAMI**) and an undersea earthquake **far** away from the Oregon coast (**DISTANT TSUNAMI**).

**A LOCAL TSUNAMI** can come onshore within 15 to 20 minutes after the earthquake before there is time for an official warning from the national warning system.

**Ground shaking from an earthquake may be the only warning you have. Evacuate Quickly!**

**A DISTANT TSUNAMI** may take four hours or more to come onshore. You will feel no earthquake, and the tsunami will generally be smaller than that from a local earthquake. Typically there is time for an official warning and evacuation to safety

The evacuation notice for the Gearhart/ Seaside area is **A STEADY 3-MINUTE SIREN BLAST**, P/A announcement by emergency vehicles, an announcement over NOAA weather radio, local news media and/or local radio COAST FM 94.9

**Remember, if you feel the ground shake be prepared to evacuate quickly. This may be the only warning you have!**

**Be prepared and aware of the tsunami evacuation areas and routes. A little education may be the difference.**

When residing in, or just visiting the Gearhart Area, Look for the blue **TSUNAMI EVACUATION** signs.

This is the biggest advantage you may have by just knowing where to evacuate too.

**BE PREPARED** keep an emergency kit assembled and ready to go. This kit should contain enough supplies for you and your family for three days. It is very important to bring any all medications that you are prescribed to take.

**Keep** a general “First Aid” kit with you or in your vehicle,

**Evacuate** in an orderly manner, and know your route, by doing this there should be enough time for every one to safely evacuate. **Never go down to the beach!**

**Tune** to local news, radio (COAST 94.9 FM), NOAA weather or local emergency officials for the “ALL CLEAR” before returning.

**Have** regular family discussions about tsunamis and your evacuation plans.

**If** you are on the beach or near the shoreline: and you feel an earthquake, evacuate to higher ground immediately! **Do Not Wait For A Formal Warning!**

**You May Or May Not Be Able To Hear The Tsunami Sirens From The Beach!**

## The Community of Gearhart

Every Wednesday night @ approximately 7:00pm there is a test of the local sirens. They are also sounded in the event of a actual fire; this test and/or tone-out consists of 5 short blasts within a one minute time frame.

**Remember** the tsunami signal is a steady single **3 minute blast**.

Fifer Heights, Pine Ridge Dr, Mile Post 17.5 on Hwy 101 North, Manion Dr, and Patrician Lane are just a few of the evacuation areas in or near Gearhart. Learn the area and route you would need to take.

**Always** keep on hand your emergency supplies, and place it in a back pack. Be sure to check your supplies at least twice a year.

Contact a family member or friend if you need special assistance , have this set up prior to the event. There may not be enough emergency personnel to aid you during an actual event.

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MAKES THE DIFFERENCE!**



Courtesy of the Gearhart Volunteer Fire  
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