

## A Readiness Review and the Great ShakeOut

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See [shakeout.org](http://shakeout.org) and [shakeout.org/oregon/](http://shakeout.org/oregon/)

The Great ShakeOut is an international program promoting earthquake awareness, safety and preparation. The third Thursday in October is ShakeOut day, with promotion of participation in earthquake drills and exercises.

Information and publicity materials are available, and in the past RVM and RPG have promoted the event to RVM residents.

Following discussions with the RVM Emergency team, we plan to do so again this year, with a significant additional development. We have recognized the need for some regular schedule of preparedness review and information update for RPG volunteers. We plan to use the week of the Great Shakeout in October for a more general Readiness Review (or Reminder), and to do the same six months later – the week of April 15 (tax day, considered a disaster by some).

We think the semiannual schedule will be often enough to keep up, but not so often as to become burdensome or repetitive.

The fall and spring timing make the events appropriate for reminders to review seasonal preparations (supplies in car, go-bag, etc.) as well as doing a general check on supplies, plans, expiration dates, etc.

The events will provide an opportunity for coordinators to assess the state of their own organizations, and to update information and contacts with residents. It will be an opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of emergency preparedness, and to point to information on how to achieve it.

For 2021, the program is just getting started, but we plan to use a flyer (one RVM mailbox distribution), posters, and Channel 900 notices to draw attention and direct residents to information sources. We are also planning on starting a series of workshops to assist coordinators with techniques for making effective contacts with residents.

In the future we would hope to add videos, shown on Channel 900 at the time and linked from myRVM and *The Complement* for future reference. Recruitment of volunteers and signups for training courses could also be promoted.

If you have suggestions or developing the program, please get in touch via the email listed above, or contact one of us.

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