

What <u>YOU</u> can do to prepared for the next volcanic eruption



If you live in Washington, an eruption, or even unrest, at of one of our volcanoes will likely impact you in some way.



Volcanic eruption timelines are unique natural hazards: Decisions must sometimes be made before all the details are understood



What to expect: Volcano Alert Levels

ALERT-LEVE	L TERMS. cano alert-level is changed, a Volcano Activity Notice (VAN) is issued.	
NORMAL	Volcano is in typical background, noneruptive state or, after a change from a higher level, volcanic activity has ceased and volcano has returned to noneruptive background state.	
ADVISORY	Volcano is exhibiting signs of elevated unrest above known background level or, after a change from a higher level, volcanic activity has decreased significantly but continues to be closely monitored for possible renewed increase.	
WATCH	Volcano is exhibiting heightened or escalating unrest with increased potential of eruption, timeframe uncertain, OR eruption is underway but poses limited hazards.	
WARNING	Hazardous eruption is imminent, underway, or suspected.	

USGS Volcano Notification Service: Link available at mil.wa.gov/alerts

...But what can I do to be prepared for something so big, with so much uncertainty?

Preparedness for <u>any hazard</u>, simplified:

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1. Learn your hazards and how you'll be alerted

2. Make Plans

3. Build Kits





Learn your hazards:

- Know where to receive reliable information and updates
 - Where can you get the most relevant information?
 - Who can share how to prepare?

Sign up for LOCAL EMERGENCY ALERTS

MIL.WA.GOV/ALERTS

to receive alerts for:

imminent hazards

immediate emergencies

where to go

what to do

Free to all people in Washington

Make Plans:

- Evacuation and Reunification:
 - Where will you go?
 - Where will you meet?
 - Plans for Home, work, school etc.?
 - Assembly areas
 - Maps
 - Check with local Emergency Management!
- Who you gonna call?
 - (But please Text, don't call!)
 - Write down the numbers.











The Preparedness Continuum



Check out the simple guide to "Prepare in a year" at: <u>https://mil.wa.gov/personal</u>

What can you expect during volcanic unrest/an eruption?

...a lot of dedicated scientists, community planners, and first responders will be working together to understand what's happening, share necessary information with you, and do what they can to lessen the impacts.

Every step you take to be more prepared, will help them help you!

Questions?

Some resources:

mil.wa.gov/Alerts: Links to USGS VNS, local alerts, and more geologyPortal.dnr.wa.gov – Interactive geologic hazards maps mil.wa.gov/preparedness – Preparedness tips https://www.usgs.gov/observatories/cvo - Cascades Volcano Observatory

<u>Your Local Emergency Management Office</u> – Local information, alerts, evacuation routes, and more!