

Ordinary people + Simple actions = Volcano Preparedness

Stay Informed



- Visit the USGS web site and social media at: volcanoes.usgs.gov



- Use the Volcano Notification System (VNS). Register now at: volcanoes.usgs.gov/vns/ To receive regular volcano status reports
- Follow local emergency web sites and alert systems such as Pierce County Alert. www.piercecountywa.org/active-volcano



Couple preparing for an emergency by gathering supplies in a plastic tub. Courtesy of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Get Prepared

- **Learn:** Determine whether you live, work or go to school in a volcano hazard zone.
- **Inquire:** Ask local authorities about evacuation plans in your area.
- **Prepare:** Create a Family Emergency Communication Plan. To your emergency kit, add items that can help your family cope with volcanic ash.

- ✓ Extra medications
- ✓ Oxygen for people with respiratory difficulties
- ✓ Spare contact lenses, cleaning solution and eyeglasses
- ✓ Plastic and tape to seal ash out of your house during periods of extreme ash fall

For working outdoors:

- ✓ Respiratory mask (N-95 style)
- ✓ Goggles



Example of an individual emergency kit.

Act When a Volcano Threatens

- Listen to emergency information about the volcano's status.
- Act when told to move off lahar-prone valley floors.
- If you are safe from lahars, find shelter to reduce time spent in volcanic ash.



A Volcano Evacuation Route sign along a roadway in Washington State.