

# It's getting weird out there.

Hi, neighbor.

Isolation, a slowing economy and school closures are causing some of us to need help - maybe for the first time.

If you need financial, housing or any other type of assistance, find all the local and county resources available to you right here:

**Lopez** [lopezisland.recovers.org](http://lopezisland.recovers.org)

**Orcas** [orcas.recovers.org](http://orcas.recovers.org)

**San Juan/Other** [sjisland.recovers.org](http://sjisland.recovers.org)

or call your local resource center to be pointed in the right direction:

**Lopez** 360-468-4117

**Orcas** 360-376-3184

**San Juan/Other** 360-378-5246



## Are you a senior?

Would you appreciate a regular phone check-in by an Orcas Senior Center volunteer during your self-isolation? We have contacted a number of you already, but we are missing many phone numbers. If you want to participate in the Orcas Senior Center Buddies Check-In Program, email [Buddies@orcasseniors.org](mailto:Buddies@orcasseniors.org) or call John Slater at (360) 919-9318.



Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S., and more and more people are living where wildfires are a real risk. But by working together, residents can make their own property — and their neighborhood — much safer from wildfire.

#### Action Items to Improve Your Home's Survivability:

- **REMOVE** leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters, and on and under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting your home.
- **SCREEN** areas below decks and porches with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent material from accumulating underneath.
- **COVER** exterior attic and soffit vents with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent sparks from entering your home.
- **ENCLOSE** eaves to help prevent ember entry.
- **INSPECT** shingles or roof tiles. **REPLACE** missing shingles or tiles. **COVER** ends of tiles with bird stops or cement to help prevent ember penetration during a wildfire.

#### Tips for Landscaping Around Your Home

- **REMOVE** dead vegetation and other flammable materials, especially within the first 5 feet of the home.
- **KEEP** your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to help reduce fire intensity.
- **PRUNE** tree limbs so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet above the ground to help reduce the chance of fire getting into the crowns of the trees.
- **MOVE** construction material, trash, and woodpiles at least 30 feet away from the home and other outbuildings.
- **DISPOSE** of branches, weeds, leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings that you have cut to reduce fuel for fire.



#### ***SAFETY is OPALCO's top priority.***

We need your help to keep our islands safe from wildfire events. We're doing our part to maintain a safe and reliable electrical system.

Working together, we can make our beautiful islands safer from wildfire.

Please do your part by keeping your property safe. Be fire wise!

Visit **[www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org)** for more information.



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