

DISASTER RESILIENCE RESOURCES

IF YOU DON'T KNOW
WHERE TO START,
START HERE.

RECOVER & PREVENT

RECOVER

The recovery phase of a disaster begins after immediate threats to health and safety have passed. Activities include restoring essential services, clean up, repair and rebuilding of infrastructure, and assistance to individuals.

In the wake of a major disaster, communities often form a nonprofit Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG) to coordinate recovery efforts. The LTRG is governed by local leaders and can raise funds and coordinate assistance toward priority recovery projects. Recovery can take many years and require coordination of many partners and funding sources coming together to assist with rebuilding. Examples of LTRGs in Washington State include [Pine Creek Community Restoration](#), [NCW Disaster Long Term Recovery Group](#), and [Whatcom Strong](#).

PREVENT

Prevention, also known as mitigation and resiliency building, consists of actions that you can take in advance to reduce the impact and severity of future disasters. Completing a seismic retrofit of city hall, building a seawall, or clearing vegetation to reduce wildfire risk are examples of mitigation projects. You may already know your communities' vulnerabilities. If not, you can identify them as a part of emergency planning.

There may be outside funding to support mitigation projects. In addition, you can connect with collaborative efforts to support each other during disasters. For example, [WAWARN](#) is a network that helps Washington water and wastewater utilities improve their facilities and provide mutual aid when needed. Use your professional networks to identify additional opportunities for mutual aid.

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