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## **TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS WEEK**

SEAL BEACH, Ca.

### National Tsunami Preparedness Week

March 26th through March 31<sup>st</sup> is *National Tsunami Preparedness Week*. The City of Seal Beach in cooperation with the State of California, Office of Emergency Services (Cal-OES) and the Orange County Emergency Management Division will be taking an active role in promoting public education and awareness about tsunami preparedness.

### TsunamiReady Community

The City of Seal Beach is a *Tsunami Ready Community*. This is a national certification issued by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Weather Service (NWS). To be recognized as a Tsunami Ready Community there are a variety of criteria that must be met. They are;

- Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center.
- Have more than one way to receive tsunami warnings and alert the public.
- Promote public readiness through community education and distribution of information.
- Develop a formal tsunami plan, which includes holding emergency exercises.
- Comply with TsunamiReady guidelines



Source: *National Weather Service*

#### On-Line Resources

- [The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Tsunami Website](#)
- [Tsunami Education for Kids](#)
- [California Geological Survey - Tsunami Web Site](#)
- <http://myhazards.calema.ca.gov/>
- <http://www.tsunami.ca.gov>

## Emergency Notification Systems

AlertOC is a mass notification system used by the City of Seal Beach and Seal Beach Police Department to issue government related messages to residents and businesses. All residential and commercial landline phone numbers are a part of the AlertOC system. AlertOC replaced the old "Reverse 911" system. Residents can register additional cell phone numbers, text numbers and e-mail addresses at [AlertOC.com](http://AlertOC.com).

Additionally, the City of Seal Beach uses the "NIXLE" communications system to send non-emergency messages. You can receive alerts from the City of Seal Beach by texting the zip code "90740" to "888777". Doing this will enroll you in the NIXLE system and you will receive alerts and messages. Go to <http://www.nixle.com/> for more information.

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