



# Earthquakes – What to expect

*What might life on Bainbridge Island be like after a major earthquake?  
Here are some possible scenarios to think about:*

1. If Bainbridge Island suffers heavy damage, the same will be true for the greater Seattle area and the rest of Kitsap County. We may have to wait for outside, limited emergency response and humanitarian assistance resources.
2. The Agate Pass Bridge is down (worst-case scenario) or closed until its structural integrity can be assured – days to weeks, or even longer.
3. Routine ferry service to Bainbridge Island is stopped, (assumption is that the State will take over the ferry system and use it to deliver emergency services throughout Puget Sound,) or ferry facilities throughout Puget Sound are damaged making service problematic – days to weeks, or even longer.
4. You are separated from your loved ones. If you are off island, it may take hours, days, or even longer to reconnect.
5. You or a loved one is injured and trapped in your home, another building, or a car and may need to wait for rescue by very limited and overwhelmed search and rescue resources.
6. Electricity is out of service, especially if the bridge collapses – days to weeks, or even longer.
7. City water and sewer systems are down – days to weeks, or even longer.
8. Well water, sewage systems, and/or gas lines are damaged – days to weeks, or even longer.
9. Roads are damaged and blocked by fallen trees.
10. Schools are damaged and closed – days to weeks, or even longer.
11. Gas stations are damaged; if not, there will be no gasoline available when existing stocks of gasoline are exhausted – days to weeks.
12. No propane deliveries – days to weeks.
13. Banks are closed and ATMs are out of service - no access to your money.
14. Damage to residential and commercial structures.
15. Emergency shelters are overwhelmed and inadequately equipped.
16. Supermarkets closed – days to weeks.
17. Restaurants closed – days to weeks or longer.
18. Medical facilities damaged; if not, they will be quickly overwhelmed by the demand for services, and the rapid exhaustion of medical supplies.
19. Bainbridge Disposal services stopped; once they begin, they will be overwhelmed by the volume of refuse – days to weeks.
20. Telephone and cell phone services interrupted – days to weeks, or even longer.
21. Everyone we are counting on to help rescue us from the above will be a victim too, and will be taking care of themselves and their families first before coming to help us.



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