



## City of Maple Ridge News Release

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### **Maple Ridge Kicks Off Emergency Preparedness Week with an Earthquake**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** Emergency Preparedness Week starts on Sunday, May 3, 2015 and here in Maple Ridge we're kicking it off by inviting area residents to be part of an earthquake. No, it's not a promotional tie-in to the new 'Avengers movie', it's part of the Canadian debut of something called the Quake Cottage, a mobile earthquake training aid that will shake up the weekend at the Ridge Meadows Home Show!

The City of Maple Ridge will have a display at the Ridge Meadows Home Show that opens on Friday afternoon, May 1, 2015 and part of the display is the Emergency Support Services (ESS) team who will be providing information on how you and your family can take important steps to be prepared for an emergency.

What would you do if there was an ice storm, earthquake or some man-made emergency like a chemical spill or large scale fire? You need to have a plan. Our ESS volunteers and staff will be on hand throughout the three-day Home Show with information and resources to help you be prepared for any emergency.

The Quake Cottage will be activated as part of the Outdoor Show at the fairgrounds. From 10:00 am until 4:00 pm on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> you can experience what it's like to be in an earthquake up to magnitude 8.0 using this mobile simulator. You can see video of the Quake Cottage at [quakecottage.com](http://quakecottage.com). This is a limited opportunity, so get there early!

The ESS team will finish Emergency Preparedness Week with a booth at the Haney Farmers Market on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. We invite you to drop down and visit the booth while you are getting all your local foods from your favourite vendors. It's the opening day for the 2015 Haney Farmers Market, so there are going to be lots of great activities.

When a disaster strikes the first responders will be overwhelmed dealing with the highest priority situations. You need to be ready to take care of yourself, your family and your pets for 72 hours or more. Be prepared! Visit us at [www.mapleridge.ca/453/Emergency-Services](http://www.mapleridge.ca/453/Emergency-Services) and learn more about how you can take steps to protect you family.

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