



**The Great Washington ShakeOut Earthquake Drill will be conducted on
October 20, 2016, at 10:20 AM**

At 10:54:32 (PST) Wednesday, February 28, 2001, a magnitude 6.8 earthquake shook southern Puget Sound. The earthquake epicenter, located adjacent to the Nisqually River delta, was at the same location as the magnitude 7.1 earthquake on April 29, 1945.

WILL YOU BE READY FOR THE NEXT EARTHQUAKE?

Mason County residents need to be prepared before the next large earthquake happens. Participating in the ShakeOut Drill is a great way to help your community, your employer, and others get prepared, reduce injuries, and speed recovery. Help spread the word about the ShakeOut Drill at family gatherings, community events, and work meetings, and online with email, facebook, or twitter. Encourage your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to register to participate in the Great Washington ShakeOut by visiting <http://www.shakeout.org/washington/index.html>

Millions of West Coast state residents are expected to participate in a simultaneous *Drop, Cover, Hold On* drill which will emphasize the importance of emergency preparedness at home, school and the workplace. As part of the Washington ShakeOut, participants are encouraged not only to *Drop, Cover, and Hold On*, but take at least one additional step to ready themselves and their families for earthquakes. For more information visit: <http://www.dropcoverholdon.org/>



For more emergency preparedness information contact Mason County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) at 360-427-7535 or e-mail <http://www.co.mason.wa.us/questions.php>