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SHAKY GROUND

HOW TO SURVIVE EARTHQUAKES AND TSUNAMIS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

What About Tsunami Debris?

TSUNAMI DEBRIS IS NO DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER BEACH DEBRIS. IF YOU FIND DEBRIS ASK YOURSELF IF IT IS HAZARDOUS OR NOT.

Hazardous - Call 911

Oil or chemical drums, gas cans, or propane tanks may be hazardous. If you think the debris poses a risk to health and safety, contact authorities right away.

Not Hazardous

Post your observations at DisasterDebris@noaa.gov or call the U.S. Coast Guard National Response Center 1-800-424-8802

When will debris arrive here?

Tsunami debris have recently washed up along the West Coast. Debris may arrive along the Northern California coast this year and may continue to arrive for several years.

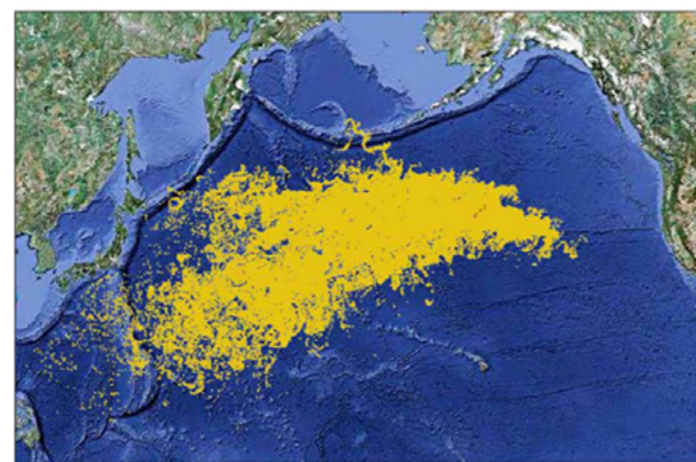
What will it look like?

The tsunami debris is widely dispersed and will be mixed in with the typical trash that washes up on our beaches all of the time. It will include floating material such as wood, plastics, floats, and containers.

Is it radioactive?

Tsunami debris is no more likely to be radioactive than debris from any other source.

- The nuclear releases occurred after the debris was washed out to sea.
- The debris found on the Japanese coast outside of Fukushima, and elsewhere in the Pacific has not shown any radioactivity.



This Japanese squid boat was considered a hazard to navigation and sunk by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Debris map from the Japanese tsunami.

Ikuo Yokoyama's (of Miyagi Prefecture) motorcycle was found on Graham Island off the coast of Canada in late April, 2012.

On June 6, 2012 a 65-foot long dock arrived on Oregon's central coast carrying live plants and animals—potential invasive species to our coast.

