

## EMERGENCY PLANNING

### ... Sanitation in the Midst of a Disaster

So you survived the initial disaster, thank goodness — but, depending on the extent of damage to the City's water & sewer systems, it could take days, weeks or even longer before you regain the convenience of your sink and toilets. This lack of sanitation facilities following a major disaster can quickly create serious secondary problems! With some preplanning, you can assemble appropriate supplies to get your family through a disaster without risking contamination.

#### 1. PURCHASE A PORTABLE CHEMICAL TOILET WITH SUPPLIES;

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#### 2. CREATE YOUR OWN PORTABLE TOILET BY ACQUIRING THE FOLLOWING:

- ◆ A medium-sized plastic bucket with a tight-fitting lid (to store the supplies and to serve as the emergency toilet);
- ◆ Container of unscented household liquid bleach (5.25% sodium hypochlorite), to be mixed in a 1:10 solution with water;
- ◆ Heavy-duty plastic/vinyl garbage bags with twist ties (sized to line the bucket);
- ◆ Toilet paper;
- ◆ Liquid antibacterial soap and/or towelettes;
- ◆ *OPTIONAL* — Sand, sawdust or "kitty liter"
- ◆ Line the bucket with a garbage bag. If you choose, you may put sand, sawdust or kitty liter in the bottom of the garbage bag to absorb liquids. After each use, pour a disinfecting solution of 1 part bleach to 10 parts water into the garbage bag. Use twist ties to close the bag between uses, and close the lid tightly.
- ◆ At the end of each day, the bagged waste should be securely tied and removed to a protected location, such as a designated garbage can in the garage, basement or outbuilding until safe disposal is available.
- ◆ If your toilet bowl is empty, you can line your toilet with a garbage bag, and use it in the same manner as discussed above. This option has the additional comfort of being able to use a regular toilet seat.

**NOTE: This waste CANNOT be disposed of with your regular garbage. Contact Public Works at 503.982.9429 for directions on how to properly dispose of this waste!**

#### GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF AN EMERGENCY TOILET:

- ◆ Locate the toilet away from food preparation or eating areas;
- ◆ Provide a place next to the emergency toilet to wash hands;
- ◆ Keep the emergency toilet closed when not in use to keep insects and/or animals out, and to prevent the spread of disease; and
- ◆ Supervise small children when they are using the emergency toilet.

Remember too that **WATER** is an absolute necessity — so stocking water reserves should be a top priority! Consider keeping your emergency supply list in your wallet or purse, and pick up a few items at a time when you are out shopping until you have built up a well-stocked Emergency Kit! As the Holidays are quickly approaching — keep in mind that emergency kit items make great "stocking stuffers" or gifts for your friends & family! For more information on suggested kit items visit [www.cityofhubbard.org](http://www.cityofhubbard.org).

**Knowledge and preparation are your best defense and are your responsibility! For more information on EMERGENCY PLANNING, call 503.982.9429, or visit our website at [www.cityofhubbard.org](http://www.cityofhubbard.org).**



### LEAVES, LEAVES & MORE LEAVES!!

We are once again approaching that time of year when the leaves are changing color and falling to the ground! We thank you for remembering not to dispose of your leaves by sweeping them into the street! Once in the street, these leaves can get into the catch basins and have the potential to cause substantial local flooding during rainstorms. Speaking of streets, we would like to mention the **City's streets are swept on a regular basis on the third Thursday of every month.** If possible, please remember not to park along the City's curbed streets on these days in order to allow the sweeper the opportunity to do a more thorough job!

### HAVE YOU "ICE'd" YOUR CELL PHONE YET???

Programming "ICE" - "In Case of Emergency" numbers into your cell phone's address book could help emergency workers contact your loved ones in an emergency — and it's simple to do! In with the rest of your address book numbers, include at least one "ICE" number — i.e. ICE HUSBAND or ICE FRIEND. Then should something happen to you, emergency service personnel can look in your cell phone's address book for the programmed "ICE" number(s) and know immediately whom to contact on your behalf!!!

*Wishing you all safe & happy holidays — Hubbard Public Works*