

EMERGENCY PLANNING

Household Chemical Emergencies . . .

NEARLY EVERY HOUSEHOLD uses some sort of product(s) containing hazardous materials or chemicals such as oven cleaners, ant spray, herbicides, etc. etc. Following are some protective measures to consider as you are working with or storing these products:

- ◇ It is critical to store household chemicals in places where children can not reach them!
- ◇ Buy only as much of a chemical as you believe you will use. Leftover material can be shared with neighbors or donated to a business, charity or government agency.
- ◇ Keep products containing hazardous materials in their original containers and never remove the labels unless the container is corroding. Corroding containers should be repackaged and clearly labeled.
- ◇ Never store hazardous products in food containers!
- ◇ Never mix household hazardous chemicals or waste with other products!
- ◇ Follow the manufacturers instructions for the proper use of the chemical.
- ◇ Never smoke while using household chemicals.
- ◇ Never use hair spray, cleaning solutions, etc. near an open flame such as a pilot light, candle, wood stove, etc. Although you may not be able to see them, vapor particles in the air could catch fire or explode.
- ◇ Clean up any chemical spill immediately!
- ◇ Dispose of hazardous materials correctly!

SYMPTOMS of toxic poisoning could include:

- ◇ Difficulty breathing;
- ◇ Irritation of the eyes, skin, throat or respiratory tract;
- ◇ Changes in skin color;
- ◇ Headache or blurred vision;
- ◇ Dizziness;
- ◇ Clumsiness or lack of coordination; and/or
- ◇ Cramps or diarrhea.

BE PREPARED to seek medical assistance! Post the number of the poison control center by all telephones. In an emergency situation, you may not have time to look up critical phone numbers! The National Poison Control Number is: 800.222.1222

- ◇ If there is a danger of fire or explosion, get out of the residence immediately! Do not waste time collecting items or calling 911 when you are in danger. Call 911 from outside (cell or a neighbor's phone) once you are safely away from danger.
- ◇ If someone has been exposed to a household chemical, find any containers of the substance which are readily available in order to provide requested information—and call emergency medical services! Follow the emergency operator or dispatcher's instructions carefully. The 1st Aid advice found on containers may be out of date or inappropriate. Do not give anything by mouth unless advised to do so by a medical professional.
- ◇ Discard clothing that may have been contaminated as some chemicals may not wash out completely.

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.



NEED TO REPLACE YOUR APPLIANCES? Before you buy, check out the Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program and Energy Star Program! Information is available at: www.oregon.gov/energy/cons/res/tax/appliances.shtml It might save you a little money, with the added bonus of conserving water and energy!

MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- The "D" Street Water Line Project has been awarded! Construction should begin by May 4, 2009, and will be complete by approximately June 4, 2009. As mentioned before, this project is a precursor for ODOT's signal replacement project (below).
- Public Works still anticipates that ODOT will begin their signal replacement project (Pacific Hwy. 99E & "D" Street) this coming summer — we will keep you informed as we receive more information from ODOT regarding their construction schedule!
- The FY 2008/09 Street Improvements and Special City Allotment Projects are on track to be awarded at the upcoming May 12, 2009 Council Meeting, with construction beginning shortly after.
- Public Works continues to work with ODOT on our upcoming Transportation Enhancement Project, which will bring sidewalk connectivity on Pacific Hwy. 99E, between "D" Street and the north city limits, and on "D" Street between Pacific Hwy. 99E and Casteel Street! It is anticipated this project will be ready for construction in 2010—although this is not confirmed and is dependent on ODOT's schedule.
- To date the City has not been successful competing for requested stimulus funds, however the City has another chance to obtain funding which is specifically slated for smaller municipalities with a population of less than 5000. We hope to have good news to share in July's newsletter!

As always, we appreciate your patience and use of other routes (whenever possible) during construction!

UNTIL NEXT TIME . . .

Hubbard Public Works