

EMERGENCY PLANNING

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO BRAVED THE QUESTIONABLE WEATHER AND JOINED US AT OUR FIRST ANNUAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & SAFETY FAIR ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th! Although National Preparedness Month is over for another year—it is so important to be prepared for emergencies all year long!

YOUR FAMILY MAY NOT BE TOGETHER when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan in advance: how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different situations.

SIT DOWN TOGETHER AND DECIDE what you will do if the unthinkable happens. **YOUR PLAN** should include:

- ⇒ Out-of-Town Contact Information (It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.)
- ⇒ Neighborhood Meeting Place Information
- ⇒ Regional Meeting Place Information
- ⇒ Evacuation Location Information
- ⇒ Name; Date of Birth; Social Security Number; and Important Medical Information for each family member (**Remember to include your pets' information in your Plan**)
- ⇒ Places and information on where family members spend the most time (i.e. school; work; daycare providers, etc.)
- ⇒ Inquire about Emergency Plans at the places you listed above (i.e. school; work; daycare providers; etc.) If no plans exist at these places, consider volunteering to help create one.
- ⇒ Other important information (i.e. Medical Insurance; Doctor Information; Homeowner/Rental Insurance; etc.)
- ⇒ Shelter-in-Place Plan
- ⇒ Evacuation Plan

SHARING PLANS & COMMUNICATING IN ADVANCE IS A GOOD STRATEGY!

TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS about how you can all work together during an emergency.

- ⇒ Find out if anyone has any specialized equipment, such as a power generator, or expertise such as medical knowledge, which might be helpful in a crisis.
- ⇒ Decide who will check on elderly or disabled neighbors.
- ⇒ Make back-up plans for children in case you can't get home.

LEARN HOW & WHEN TO TURN OFF UTILITIES if there is damage to your home or you are instructed to turn them off.

- ⇒ Locate the electric, gas and water shut-off valves;
- ⇒ Keep necessary tools near the gas and water shut-off valves;
- ⇒ Teach family members how to turn off utilities; and
- ⇒ **REMEMBER: If you turn the GAS off, a professional MUST turn it back on! Do NOT attempt to do this yourself!**

DEVELOPING YOUR EMERGENCY KIT??? Remember WATER is an absolute necessity — so stocking water reserves should be a top priority! Also 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 — remember emergency kit items make great stocking stuffers or gifts!! **FOR MORE INFORMATION** on suggested kit items - visit 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.

THE LEAVES ARE BEGINNING TO FALL!

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. Please take advantage of Allied Waste's Yard Debris pick-up service, as this is one of the easiest ways to dispose of your leaves!



OUR TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN HAS BEEN APPROVED BY DEQ!

City Staff will now be moving forward to begin working on the goals stated in the Implementation Matrix such as riparian protection and storm water education.

IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO NOW is the time to make sure your home is winterized for any freezing weather that may be headed our way!

TREES & STORM DAMAGE:

Wondering if your tree - damaged by a winter storm - can be saved? Visit www.arborday.org for tips! Per the City's Municipal Code, please give Public Works a call at 503.982.9429 before you do any tree removal and/or trimming so we may confirm whether the tree(s) in question are in the City right-of-way.

STUDIES SHOW that dripping faucets and leaking account for as much as 14% of all indoor water use, equivalent to 10 gallons per person of water lost per day. To use your water meter to check for leaks, start by turning off all faucets and water-using appliances and make sure no one else uses water during your testing period. Next take a reading on your water meter, wait approximately 30 minutes, and then take a second reading. If the dial has moved, you most likely have a leak somewhere inside your home or business.

Wishing you all happy and safe holidays!

~ Hubbard Public Works

