

EMERGENCY PLANNING

Are YOU prepared?

ARE YOU READY FOR AN EMERGENCY? If not, we encourage you to:

Create an Emergency Kit; Make a Plan; Be Informed; and Get Involved!

WHY PREPARE? Disasters disrupt hundreds of thousands of lives every year. Every disaster has lasting effects, both to people and property. Every citizen in our country is part of the national emergency management system which is all about protection — protecting people and property from all types of hazards. You can think of the national emergency management system as a pyramid, with you, the citizen, forming the base of the structure. **At this level, you have the responsibility to protect yourself and your family by knowing what to do before, during, and after an event!** What can you do to prepare for the unexpected?

- ⇒ **ASSEMBLE A KIT** of emergency supplies which will allow you and your family to survive on your own for at least 72 hours (3 days) in the event of an emergency. Visit www.cityofhubbard.org for ideas on suggested items to include in your kit. **Remember to adjust your kit to accommodate any personal/special needs your family may have. Some items will need to be rotated on a regular basis to ensure they are not past their usable date.**
- ⇒ **MAKE A PLAN** in advance of what you and your family will do in an emergency. Your plan should include both a communications plan and also focus on both sheltering-in-place and evacuation possibilities. Talk to your neighbors about how you can work together in the event of an emergency! Who has any specialized equipment such as a generator, or expertise such as medical knowledge which might be helpful in an emergency? You will be better prepared to safely re-unite your family and loved ones during an emergency if you think ahead and communicate with others in advance.
- ⇒ **BE INFORMED** about the different types of threats which could affect our community, and what the appropriate response to each of them is.

WATER — THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY: Stocking water reserves should be a top priority. Drinking water in emergency situations should **not** have to be rationed — therefore it is critical to store adequate amounts of water for your household!

- ⇒ A normally active person needs a minimum of two quarts of water daily just for drinking. Children, nursing mothers, and ill people need more. Hot temperatures can double the amount of drinking water needed. You will also need water for sanitary purposes and, possibly for cooking. A minimum of one gallon per person per day should be stored. **Remember to consider your pets' needs when planning how much water to store!**
- ⇒ Store water in thoroughly washed plastic, fiberglass or enamel-lined metal containers. Sound plastic containers such as soft drink bottles are best. You can also purchase food-grade plastic buckets or drums.
- ⇒ Seal your water containers tightly, label them & store them with your other kit items, preferably in a cool, dark place.
- ⇒ It is recommended to rotate stored water every six months.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY stay calm, be patient and think before you act. Be prepared to adapt any and all information to your own personal circumstances. Local officials and relief workers will be on scene following a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away. With planning and preparation — you can be ready for the unexpected — which could save your life or the life of a family member, friend or neighbor! Once authorities arrive on scene — make every effort to follow their instructions.

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 FALLING!

Once again we are in the midst of autumn, and more leaves are falling every day! Please remember **not** to sweep these fallen leaves into the street as once they are in the street, they can get into the catch basins and have the potential to cause substantial local flooding during rainstorms! Once in the catch basins, the decomposing leaves will also eventually end up in our waterways, which compromises the cleanliness of our local streams and rivers. **Please use Allied Waste's yard debris pick-up service as this is the easiest way to dispose of your leaves!**



DID YOU KNOW ? ? ? Dog and cat waste can pollute our waterways! The bacteria in animal waste is often washed down storm drains which flows untreated directly into our waterways. This contributes to all sorts of problems, from sick kids to mucky algae which can suffocate fish and is sometimes poisonous to humans. Kitty litter dumped outside can also be washed into streams. Pet waste can carry diseases and bacteria, which are unsafe for humans, pets and wildlife, such as:

- Caphylobacteriosis—bacterial infection
- Salmonellosis—bacterial infection
- Toxocariasis—round worm infection
- Toxoplasmosis—protozoan parasite infection
- Giardiasis—protozoan parasite infection
- Fecal coliform—bacteria in feces
- E.Coli—bacteria in feces

Pets can't flush, however cleaning up after your pet can be as simple as taking a plastic bag along with you on your next walk. Then choose one of the following disposal options:

- Throw it in the trash
- Flush it (without the plastic bag)
- Bury it one foot deep and one hundred feet from any well, ditch, stream or lake.



Thank you ~ Hubbard Public Works