

## EMERGENCY PLANNING

### SEPTEMBER is National Preparedness Month

#### A time to remember, a time to prepare. . .

**Are you prepared for an emergency?** Quiz yourself on the questions below to see just how prepared you are. If you don't know the answer to some of the questions, visit [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov) or call 503.982.9429 for tips and resources which can help make sure you, your family, and your community are **READY**.

- Does the City of Hubbard have an emergency or disaster plan for your community? If so, do you know what it is?
- Do you know how to find the emergency broadcasting channel on the radio?
- Does the City of Hubbard have an emergency alert system? If so, are you signed up to get alerts?
- Do you know your local evacuation routes? How would you get out of town from work? How about from home?
- In the last year, have you prepared or updated your Emergency Supply Kit with emergency supplies like water, food and medicine that is kept in a designated place in your home? Visit [www.cityofhubbard.org](http://www.cityofhubbard.org) for suggestions on what to consider adding to your kit.
- In the last year, have you prepared a small kit with emergency supplies which you keep at home, in your car, or where you work to take with you if you had to leave quickly?
- In the last year, have you made a specific plan for how you and your family would communicate in an emergency situation if you were separated?
- Are you prepared to help your neighbor? In most emergencies the best way to get help quickly is by working with your neighbors. Do you know anyone in your neighborhood who might need a little extra help preparing for or responding to an emergency?
- Have you established a specific meeting place for your family to reunite in the event you and your family cannot return home or are evacuated?
- In the last year, have you practiced or drilled on what to do in an emergency at home?
- In the last year, have you volunteered to help prepare for or respond to a major emergency?
- Have you taken first aid training such as CPR in the past two years?
- Do you know what "CERT" stands for?

**CERT** stands for **Community Emergency Response Team**—which is an all-risk, all-hazard training program. This program is designed to help you protect yourself, your family, and your neighbors in an emergency situation. CERT's give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT's also help with non-emergency projects which help improve the safety of the home, workplace and community. For more information on how you can become part of your local North Marion CERT program—call 503.982.9429!

**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).



**IN ORDER TO ENSURE** the City's sewer and water funds are self-supporting, the City has plans to begin the process for both a sewer and water rate study in the near future. Goals of the rate studies are to guarantee the City can:

1. Cover all routine O&M (operations & maintenance) and overhead costs;
2. Maintain a sufficient operating balance; and
3. Capital project funding.

### CLEAN WATER IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS!

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland or coastal waters. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water. By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater.

- ✓ Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks and gutters;
- ✓ Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams;
- ✓ Vegetate bare spots in your yard;
- ✓ Compost your yard waste;
- ✓ Use the least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems;
- ✓ Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff;
- ✓ Take your car to a car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into our local waterbodies;
- ✓ Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil; and
- ✓ Pick up after your pet.

For more information call 503.982.9429.

*Thank you ~ Hubbard Public Works*