

Emergency Planning—72 Hour Disaster Kit Recommended

EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS can strike quickly and without warning and can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services – water, gas, electricity and telephones – were cut off???

Local officials and relief workers will be on a scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away. You can cope with a disaster by preparing in advance and by working with your family as a team.



- ⇒ Get informed;
- ⇒ Make a plan;
- ⇒ Assemble a kit; and
- ⇒ Maintain your plan & kit

Enclosed is a list of some suggested items your emergency kit should include.



Knowing what to do in the event of an emergency is your best protection and is your responsibility!!!

Please remember your kit should be adjusted to accommodate any personal/special needs your family may have. Please also remember some of these items will need to be rotated on a regular basis to ensure they are not past their usable date.

For more information on links to assist with Disaster Preparedness — please give us a call at 503.982.9429.



TIPS FOR INDOOR WATER CONSERVATION

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 15, 2006, an increase of \$3.00 to the residential sewer rate will be offset with a decrease of \$3.00 to the water base rate. The effect of the rate changes to commercial customers will depend upon the size of water meter and sewer classification.

AS WINTER IS QUICKLY APPROACHING . . . now is the time to do any necessary winterizing of your plumbing in order to avoid costly repairs later in the event of freezing weather. Also please know that the City is prepared to provide sandbags to protect your homes from flooding in the event of heavy rains!!

- Flush less - remember the toilet is not an ash-tray or wastebasket.
- Turn the water off when brushing your teeth or shaving.
- When cold water will do – avoid using hot water.
- Take shorter showers, 5 minutes or less.
- Use less water for bathing - close the drain first and fill the tub only 1/3 full. That initial burst of cold water will be warmed by the hot water as the tub fills.
- Operate the dishwasher only when you have a full load.
- Use your garbage disposal sparingly and start composting your kitchen waste.
- Thaw frozen food in the refrigerator or microwave - not under running water.

WATER FAST FACT:

Hubbard residents used approximately 109 gallons of water per person per day in September 2006, compared to 121 gallons of water per person per day in September 2005.

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!

Wishing you all a safe & happy holiday season!!

Hubbard Public Works