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Are we doing our part to conserve water? Can we do more?

Consider:

- Replacing water-intensive plants with native plants.
- Aerating your lawn periodically. Holes every six inches will allow water to reach the roots and keep it from running off the surface.
- Inspecting your overall irrigation system for leaks, broken lines or blockage in the lines. A well-maintained system will save you money, water and time.
- Watering your plants deeply but less frequently to encourage deep root growth and drought tolerance.
- When you give your pet fresh water, don't throw the old water down the drain. Instead use it to water your plants, inside or out.

Living off your Quake Emergency Kit How long and how easily could you survive?

OPB recently followed four families who volunteered to test their readiness for an earthquake emergency by living through a weekend in an earthquake drill, using only their emergency supplies to survive. No electricity, no heat, no running water, no fridge, and meals cooked using propane stoves. Some families were surprised to discover they were not quite as prepared as they thought they were. A few take-aways these four families shared were:

- Need more water than you might think you will for drinking, cooking and hygiene.
- Doing the dishes was hard!
- Need to know the location of your gas shut-off valve.
- Need to have an adequate go-kit in case you have to evacuate—and don't forget your pet's needs!
- What happens if you are prepared, but your neighbors aren't?
- Need to know what your children's school and/or daycare's emergency plans are.
- Need to obtain basic training in 1st Aid and CPR—both for humans and your pets.
- Need to keep an extra supply of any prescription medications on-hand.

Water is an absolute necessity, and is one of the most important things to make sure you have plenty of it stored in case of an emergency—no one can survive without it! When the "big one" hits—you may be on your own with no outside help for days on end, so plan on at least a two-week supply of drinking water to use for drinking, cooking and hygiene.

Don't have an emergency kit started yet? Don't feel overwhelmed—one easy way to start a kit is to make it a practice to add one item to your kit every month or pay period—before you know it you will have a fully-stocked kit ready to use!

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.



Looking for more ways you
can conserve water? Call
Public Works at 503.982.9429



You are the solution to keeping our waterways clean!

Consider:

- Landscaping your yard to minimize rainwater runoff.
- Diverting rain from paved surfaces onto grass to permit gradual infiltration.
- Never dumping motor oil, grass clippings, leaves, animal waste or other pollutants into the roadway or storm water catch basins.

How does your sidewalk look?

Did you know that the City has a sidewalk program in place to help cover costs for non-enforcement repair or replacement sidewalks? Per City Code, the property owner is responsible for the upkeep of sidewalks abutting their property. Want to find out more about the program? Give Public Works a call at 503.982.9429.

FEMA's Mobile Apps get Updated

The latest version now features weather-related alerts from the National Weather Service (NWS). Users can sign up to receive these alerts for up to five locations across the United States. PLUS:

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2. Locate open shelters and Disaster Recovery Centers.
3. Apply for federal disaster assistance.
4. Upload photos of damage and recovery efforts.

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Happy Summer!

~ Hubbard Public Works