



City of Tualatin

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2021

Did the recent ice storm, fires, heat waves, and pandemic catch you off-guard? Each September, the City of Tualatin promotes emergency preparedness. Below are some tips, links, and suggestions to better prepare for unexpected emergencies.



TALK TO OTHERS

- One of the most important resources in an emergency is other people!
 - Say hello to your neighbors, exchange contact info, learn about the "stuff" you each have that would be helpful in an emergency.
 - Host a virtual or in-person Neighborhood Ready Meeting. These are free and focus specifically on emergency planning for neighborhoods (<https://www.tualatincert.org/tualatin-ready>)
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MAKE LISTS & PLANS

- There are many resources, plans, checklists that a quick internet search will bring up, many created specifically with groups like children, businesses, seniors, and pet owners in mind.
 - Start with www.ready.gov, which is the home of National Preparedness Month.
 - Check out Take 5 To Survive, a website devoted to 5-minute preparedness tasks put together by the Washington County Emergency Management Cooperative (www.take5tosurvive.com).
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SIGN UP FOR ALERTS & INFORMATION

- Most alerts can be sent via text, email, phone call, voicemail, and landlines. Check out:
 - Public Alerts Oregon, Washington County Public Alerts, and Clackamas County Public Alerts
 - Tune into radio stations like 91.5 KOPB-FM or 101.1 KXL-FM for Portland area news.
 - For local information, visit www.tualatin.gov and/or follow @cityoftualatin and @tualatinpolice on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and NextDoor.
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GET A BUCKET

- A five-gallon bucket with a lid is a great emergency planning tool.
 - Use one as your emergency kit or to hold other supplies (food, first aid, pet items, etc.)
 - Learn about using buckets as emergency toilets. Known as "Pee and Poo" buckets, the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization has free how-to guidebooks, bucket stickers, and materials lists (<https://rdpo.net/emergency-toilet>).
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Thanks for being a part of the Tualatin community.
Questions? Comments? Let us know, we're here to help.
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<https://www.tualatinoregon.gov/publicworks/emergency-preparedness>