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The importance of being 2 Weeks Ready



By Andrew Phelps, Director Oregon Office of Emergency Management

Wildfire season in Oregon is underway. Coronavirus case numbers are on the rise. There's the constant threat of a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami. Many of us are experiencing a feeling of powerlessness and fear. But the conventional wisdom during these times is to focus on what you can control. That's why now, more than ever, it is important to be 2 Weeks Ready.

The 2 Weeks Ready campaign began here in Oregon when the Oregon Office of **Emergency Management (OEM)** implemented a recommendation from the Oregon Resilience Plan, which found that after a subduction Cascadia event. citizens having enough supplies to survive for two weeks on their own would greatly increase lives saved.

"The adage of hoping for the best and preparing for the worst means being 2 Weeks Ready," said Andrew Phelps, director of the Oregon Office of Emergency Management. "At OEM, we constantly train and plan for all types of emergencies and disasters. But it's not enough to prepare. When rivers rise, the earth shakes or pandemic spreads, we need to be selfsufficient for up to two weeks."

Simply put, 2 Weeks Ready is having enough supplies and a plan to be able to survive on your own for at least 14 days. This is the amount of time it may take for emergency responders to reach you after a large-scale event like Cascadia. the case of COVID-19, In having a two weeks supply of food, medications and sundries means being safely and adequately prepared for a twoweek quarantine.

"Each day that we don't have a disaster is one more day to prepare," says Phelps. "Having enough supplies for two weeks for each member of the family, as well as pets and livestock, is a task that can seem daunting. But, it is an achievable goal. A good strategy is to integrate a culture of preparedness into your daily lifestyle.

A culture of preparedness is more than acquiring 'stuff.' It is about resources you may have access to during a disaster, such as alternate water sources or products to purify water in emergency situations. It's about having a plan to communicate and get information to loved ones to let them know you are safe or need help. It's about how to take basic life-saving actions like first aid, CPR, or shutting off utilities after a significant winter storm, tornado or major earthquake.

In the early stages of COVID-19 we saw that though there wasn't a true shortage of sanitation and hygiene products, there was a strain on the distribution channel's ability to keep pace with demand. Make sure you cover your basic needs when you start preparing. Avoid waiting until the disaster or pandemic hits to have a little extra stored up.

This has been a challenging year for many Oregonians, uncertainty about the and future can add to our already increased levels of anxiety. But we all need to look at what we can control and start small. Think about the needs of your family and how you can start to prepare for disasters and emergencies today. While we cannot eliminate every hazard, each step we take today will mitigate the effects large-scale disasters have on our families and communities tomorrow.

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Clatskanie Sheriff Substation

12525 Highway 202, Clatskanie (503) 755-2637 www.co.columbia.or.us/sheriff/

Rainier Police Department

106 W B St., Rainier (503) 397-1521 www.cityofrainier.com/ ?view=policedepartment

St. Helens Police Department

150 S. 13th St., St. Helens (503) 397-3333 www.ci.st-helens.or.us/police

Scappoose Police Department

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Columbia City 405 E St.

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(503) 728-2163 www.clatskaniepud.com

Never turn your back on the ocean

A trip to the beach should be fun. Unfortunately, many people are injured or killed along our nation's beaches by hazardous sneaker waves, rip currents and high surf.

On the Oregon Coast, many people have died along the beaches from the ocean's unpredictable fury. Many more have been injured. Their stories are tragic tales of being dragged out with the tide, being rolled over by a log or getting stuck in a current that pulled them out to sea.

For much of the West Coast, sneaker waves kill more people than all other weather hazards combined.

It's important to be informed about what you need to stay safe on beaches and in coastal areas and surf zones so you leave the beach with good memories.

Beware the Sneaker Wave and Lurking Log

They're called sneaker waves because they appear without warning, often surging more than 150 feet up on the beach with deadly force, and they are impossible to predict. Sneaker waves also carry a

Get ready. Build a kit.

Put together a basic emergency supply kit with the items listed below. Find additional suggestions at <u>crpud.net/kit</u>.

- 1 gallon of water per person per day for at least 3 days
- At least a 3-day supply of non-perishable food items that require little or no cooking
- Flashlight, radio & fresh batteries
- Battery-operated clock
- Lantern or candles & matches
- Blankets, sleeping bags & warm clothes
- Camp stove or barbecue for outdoor cooking



large amount of sand that can saturate your clothes, weighing you down and making escape difficult if not impossible.

> The ocean is strong enough to pick up even the biggest log and plop it down on top of you. Some logs may look small, but even the tiny ones can be waterlogged and weigh tons. If you see a log in the surf or on wet sand, stay off it.

Individuals who are dragged off the beach into the frigid waters of the Northwest are in danger of becoming victims of cold water paralyses, which can affect the limbs within minutes.

Dangerous Rip Currents

Rip currents are strong currents of water that rush out to sea. They are stronger than even the best swimmer. These currents can swiftly sweep unwary beachcombers and waders off their feet and out to sea.

Parents, keep your kids close when playing in the ocean. If caught in a rip current, don't panic. Swim parallel to the beach until you are out of the current, then head for the beach.

- First aid kit
- Prescription medication
- Playing cards, games & books to help pass the time
- Cell phone, charger & extra battery

Consider making a smaller kit for your vehicle. If you have pets, make sure they're accounted for as well.





Wildfire

Did you know that wildfires can move at speeds of up to 14 miles an hour?

Oregon and Washington are prone to deadly wildfires. Droughts and dry conditions throughout the year increase wildfire risk. Careless use of fire in highly wooded areas can also dramatically increase the chance of a wildfire, which can then quickly spread across trees and dry brush and threaten homes and businesses in the vicinity.

Before

- Learn about the wildfire risks in your area.
- Make an escape plan and build a kit.
- Clear leaves and other vegetative debris from roofs, gutters, porches and decks.
- Screen-in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- Remove flammable materials (wood piles, propane tanks, etc.) from within 30 feet of your home's foundation and outbuildings, such as garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don't let



it touch your house, deck or porch.

- Prune trees so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet from the ground.
- Choose building materials and plants that resist fire.
- Identify and maintain an adequate water source outside your home, such as small pond, cistern, well or swimming pool.
- Gather household items that can be used as fire tools such as a rake, ax, saw, bucket and shovel.
- Keep a garden hose that is long enough to reach any area of the home and other structures on the property.

During

- Be ready to leave at a moment's notice.
- Listen to local radio or television stations for the latest emergency information.
- Gather an emergency supply kit and be ready to leave.
- Arrange for temporary housing at a friend or

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relative's home outside the threatened area.

- Confine pets to one room so you can find them if you need to evacuate quickly.
- Watch for and listen to air quality reports and health warnings about smoke.
- Keep indoor air clean by closing windows and doors to prevent outside smoke from getting in.
- Use the recycle or recirculate mode on the air conditioner in your home and/or car.
- When smoke levels are high, do not use anything that burns or adds to indoor air

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pollution, such as candles, fireplaces and gas stoves. Avoid vacuuming.

- If you have asthma or another lung disease, follow your health care provider's advice.
- Dress to protect yourself; wear cotton/woolen clothing including long sleeved shirts, long pants and gloves.
- Back your car into your garage for easier evacuation.

If Outdoors

- If you are trapped outdoors, crouch in a pond, river or pool.
- Do not place wet clothing or bandanas over your nose or mouth.

After

- Let friends and family know you're safe.
- Do not re-enter your home until fire officials say it is safe to do so.
- Use caution when entering burned areas as hazards may still exist, including hot spots that can flare up without warning.
- Avoid damaged or fallen power lines, poles and downed wires.
- Wear leather gloves and heavy soled shoes to protect hands and feet.



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Did you know that floodwaters as little as six inches deep can be strong enough to sweep a person off their feet?

Floods are among the most frequent and costly natural disasters. When heavy or steady rain saturates the ground over several hours or days, flood conditions may occur. Flash floods occur suddenly due to rapidly rising water along a stream or low-lying area.

Before

- Know your flood risk and locations where flooding may occur.
- Make an escape plan and build a kit.
- Listen to area radio and television stations and a NOAA weather radio for possible flood warnings and reports of flooding in progress or other critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS).
- Because standard homeowner's insurance does not cover flooding, it's important to have protection from floods associated with hurricanes, tropical storms, heavy rains and other conditions that impact the U.S. For more flood safety tips and information on flood insurance, please visit

the National Flood Insurance Program website at FloodSmart.gov.

- Raise your furnace, water heater and electric panel to floors that are less likely to be flooded. An undamaged water heater may be your best source of fresh water after a flood.
- Install check-valves (valves that allow fluid to flow through in only one direction) in plumbing to prevent floodwater from backing up into the drains in your home.
- Seal walls in basements with waterproofing compounds to avoid seepage through cracks.
- If a flood is expected, some communities might offer free sandbags to residents. Listen to the news or contact local emergency management agencies to learn more about these resources.
- Fill your car's gas tank in case you need to evacuate.
- Move your furniture and valuables to higher floors of your home.
- Move livestock to higher ground. If using a trailer to evacuate animals, move animals sooner rather than later.



LEARN HOW TO BETTER PREPARE, RESPOND AND RECOVER FROM AN EMERGENCY AND/OR DISASTER.

- Protect your employees and their families.
- Return quickly to your business after an emergency or disaster.
- Access tools, materials and resources if an emergency or disaster is imminent or occurs.
- Connect to available resources to meet emergency and disaster needs.



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During

- When a flood or flash flood warning is issued for your area, head for higher ground and stay there. Avoid walking or driving through floodwaters. As little as six inches of moving water can knock you down, and two feet of moving water can sweep a vehicle away.
- Stay away from floodwaters. If you come upon a flowing stream and the water is above your ankles, stop, turn around and go another way.
- If you encounter a flooded road while driving, turn around, don't drown. If you are caught on a flooded road and waters are rising rapidly around you, get out of the car quickly, and move to higher ground.
- Avoid contact with floodwater. It may be



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contaminated with sewage or contain dangerous insects or animals.

• Dispose of any food that has come into contact with floodwater.

After

- Let friends and family know you're safe.
- Do not enter your home until officials say it is safe to do so.
- Report downed power lines to your utility company and do not step in puddles or standing water.
- Wear protective clothing, including rubber gloves and rubber boots, and be cautious when cleaning up.
- Wear protective clothing, including rubber gloves and rubber boots, and be cautious when cleaning up.
- Disinfect anything that flood water touches.

More information about repairing your flooded home is available online at www.redcross.org.

Additional information, including maps about flooding, are available on the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (oregongeology. org) or Washington Department of Natural Resources (dnr.wa.gov) websites.

Pacific West Ambulance wants you to be prepared for any natural disaster.

- Have a "Go Bag" Ready
- Keep Emergency Contact Information Close
- Plan Meet-up Locations for Family/Friends
- Visit the Lincoln County Emergency Management website

www.co.lincoln.or.us/emergencymanagement/ page/plan-and-prepare





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Landslide

Did you know that landslides take place most often where they've occurred in the past? They're also more common in areas that have recently been burned by a wildfire.

Before

- Make an escape plan and build a kit.
- Be aware of warning signs of possible landslides:
 - > Increased pooling of water or newly wet ground.
 - > New cracks or unusual bulges in the ground, street pavements or sidewalks.
 - > Soil moving away from foundations.
 - > Tilted or bent trees.
 - > Sagging or taught utility lines.
 - > Sunken or broken road beds.
 - > Leaking or broken water pipes.
- Reduce the chances of landslides by:
 - > Draining water from surface runoff,

downspouts and driveways well away from slopes.

- > Planting native groundcover on slopes.
- > Refraining from adding water to steep slopes.
- > Avoiding placing fill soil and yard debris on steep slopes.

During

- If you suspect imminent danger, evacuate immediately. Inform affected neighbors if you can, and contact your public works, fire or police department.
- Listen for unusual sounds that might indicate moving debris, such as trees cracking or boulders hitting one another.
- If you are near a stream, be alert for any sudden increase or decrease in water flow and notice whether the water changes from clear to muddy. Such changes may mean there is





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debris flow activity upstream so be prepared to move quickly.

- Be especially alert when driving—watch for collapsed pavement, mud, fallen rocks and other indications of possible debris flow.
- If you are ordered to or decide to evacuate, take your animals with you.

After

- Stay away from the slide area. There may be danger of additional slides.
- Check for injured and trapped persons near the slide without entering the direct slide area. Direct rescuers to the person's location.
- Listen to local radio or television stations for



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the latest emergency information.

- Watch for flooding, which may occur after a landslide or debris flow. Floods sometimes follow landslides and debris flows because they may be started by the same event.
- Look for and report broken utility lines to appropriate authorities. Reporting potential hazards will get damaged utilities turned off as quickly as possible, preventing further hazard and injury.
- Check the building foundation, chimney and surrounding land for damage. Signs of damage may help you assess the safety of the area.
- Replant damaged ground as soon as possible since erosion caused by loss of groundcover can lead to flash flooding.

Additional information about landslides is available on the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (oregongeology.org) and the Washington Department of Natural Resources (dnr.wa.gov) websites.



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Lincoln County Emergency Management 541-265-4199

Lincoln County Sheriff Office 541-265-4277

Lincoln City Police 541-994-3636

Oregon State Police 800-442-0776

Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital 541-265-2244

Newport Fire and Rescue 541-265-4231

US Coast Guard Station - Newport 541-265-5381

Newport Police 541-574-3348

Depoe Bay Fire & Rescue 541-764-2202

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Oregon Department of Environmental Quality 800-452-4011

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City of Crescent City Police Department

Richard Griffin, Chief of Police

686 G St., Crescent City

https://crescentcity.org/police.html

California Highway Patrol

1630 Summer Lane, Crescent City, 707-218-2000 http:www.chp.ca.gov

Crescent City / Crescent Fire Protection District

• Crescent City Fire and Rescue, Washington Headquarters 255 W. Washington Blvd., Crescent City, 707-464-2421



- Bertsch-Oceanview Station
 175 Humboldt Road, Crescent City, 707-464-2421
 City Station
- City Station
 520 | Street, Crescent City, 707-464-2421
- Cooper Station 550 E. Cooper Avenue, Crescent City, 707-464-2421

Fort Dick Fire Protection District

- Station 1, Kings Valley Station 6534 Kings Valley Road, Crescent
- Station 2, Lake Earl Station
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- Station 34, 104 Redwood Drive, Klamath
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Smith River Fire Protection District

- Smith River Station 245 Haight Ave, Smith River, 707-487-5621
- Hiouchi Station 105 Dunklee Lane (on Highway 199), Hiouchi

Wildland Fire Protection

California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire)

 Humboldt-Del Norte Unit Headquarters 118 Fortuna Blvd., Fortuna, 707-725-4413

Del Norte County Cal Fire stations

- Station #1, 1025 Highway 101 North, Crescent City, 707-464-5526
- Station #2, Klamath Station, Klamath, 707-482-7355
- Station #3, Elk Camp (Orick*) 707-499-2240

United States Forest Service, Six Rivers National Forest

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- Redwood Park Service, 707-465-7335 Station #1, Wolf Creek Fire Cache, north of Orick Orick Volunteer Fire Department, 707-834-6162
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Del Norte Ambulance

- Station One in Crescent City
- Station Two (and headquarters), 2600 Moorehead Road, Crescent City (Fort Dick)
- Air ambulance service is based at McNamara Field within the Crescent FPD, and provided by Del Norte Ambulance and CAL-ORE Life Flights (based in Brookings, Oregon). 707-487-1116

Other Emergency Services

Del Norte County Office of Emergency Services

918 H S., Suite 240, Crescent City, 707-464-7255

County Disaster Plan

http://www.co.del-norte.ca.us/departments/administration/ emergency-services/disaster-plans

Prepare Del Norte website https://www.preparedelnorte.com/

Community Alert sign-up

https://www.preparedelnorte.com/del-norte-community-alertsystem

Poison Control 1-800-222-1222, https://calpoison.org/

Road Conditions 1-800-427-7623, https://roads.dot.ca.gov/

Tsunami Warning

West Coast Tsunami Warning Center https://ntwc.ncep.noaa.gov/



Earthquake

Did you know that during a major earthquake you may be without utilities for weeks or even months?

Before

- Make an escape plan and build a kit.
- Identify safe places in each room of your home, workplace and/or school. A safe place could be under a piece of sturdy furniture or against an interior wall away from windows, bookcases or tall furniture that could fall on you.
- Practice "drop, cover and hold on" in each safe place. If you do not have sturdy furniture to hold on to, sit on the floor next to an interior wall, and cover your head and neck with your arms.
- Keep a flashlight and sturdy shoes by your bed in case an earthquake strikes in the middle of the night.
- Make sure your home is securely anchored to its foundation.
- Bolt and brace water heaters and gas appliances to wall studs.
- Bolt bookcases, china cabinets and other tall furniture to wall studs.
- Hang heavy items, such as pictures and mirrors, away

from beds, couches and anywhere people sleep or sit.

- Brace overhead light fixtures.
- Install strong latches or bolts on cabinets. Large or heavy items should be close to the floor.
- Learn how to shut off the gas valves in your home and keep a wrench handy for that purpose.
- Learn about your area's seismic building standards and land use codes before you begin new construction.

During

If you are inside when the shaking starts

- Drop, cover and hold on. Move as little as possible.
- If you are in bed, stay there, curl up and hold on. Protect your head with a pillow. Don't try to get under your bed.
- Stay away from windows to avoid being injured by shattered glass.
- Stay indoors until the shaking stops and you are sure it is safe to exit. When it is, use stairs rather than an elevator in case there are aftershocks, power outages or other damage.
- Be aware that fire alarms and sprinkler systems frequently go off in buildings during an earthquake, even if there is no fire, but take appropriate precautions if an alarm sounds.

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If you are outside when the shaking starts

- Find a clear spot (away from buildings, power lines, trees, streetlights, etc.) and drop to the ground. Stay there until the shaking stops.
- If you are in a vehicle, pull over to a clear location, and stop. Avoid bridges, overpasses and power lines if possible. Stay inside your vehicle with your seatbelt fastened until the shaking stops. Then, if you can, drive carefully, avoiding bridges and ramps that may have been damaged.
- If a power line falls on your vehicle, do not get out. Wait for assistance.
- If you are in a mountainous area or near unstable slopes or cliffs, be alert for falling rocks and other debris.
- Landslides are often triggered by earthquakes.

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After

- After an earthquake, the disaster may continue. Expect and prepare for potential aftershocks, landslides or even a tsunami.
- Look for and extinguish small fires. Fire is the most common hazard after an earthquake.
- Each time you feel an aftershock, be sure to drop, cover and hold on. Aftershocks frequently occur minutes, days, weeks and even months following an earthquake.
- Check yourself for injuries and get first aid, if necessary, before helping injured or trapped persons.
- Put on long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, sturdy shoes and work gloves to protect against injury from broken objects.
- Look quickly for damage in and around your home, and evacuate everyone if your home is unsafe.
- Listen to local radio or television stations for the latest emergency information.
- Check to see if telephones are working. Make brief calls to report life threatening emergencies.
- Use text messaging to communicate with friends and family members.
- Clean up spilled medications, bleach, gasoline or other flammable liquids immediately.

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Tsunami

The states in the U.S. at greatest risk of tsunamis are Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington.

Tsunamis are series of large ocean waves caused by major earthquakes or landslides beneath the ocean. When the waves enter shallow water, they may rise several feet or, in rare cases, near 100 feet, striking the coast with devastating force. Tsunamis can be local or distant. A local tsunami can arrive within minutes of an earthquake. A distant tsunami can take four to 12 hours to arrive on shore. If you feel the ground shake while at the beach or a low coastal area, move on foot inland and to higher ground as quickly as possible.

Before

- Find out if your home, school, workplace or other frequently visited locations are in tsunami hazard areas.
- Make an escape plan and build a kit.
- Plan evacuation routes from your home, school, workplace and other places you could be where tsunamis present a risk. If possible, choose evacuation locations 100 feet above sea level. If you cannot get this high, go as high as you can.

You should be able to reach your safe location on foot within 15 minutes.

- Learn the evacuation plan where your child attends school. Find out if the plan requires you to pick your children up from school or from another location. During a tsunami watch or warning, telephone lines may be overloaded and routes to and from schools may be jammed.
- Practice your evacuation routes. Familiarity may save your life. Be able to follow your escape route at night and during inclement weather. Practicing your plan will allow you to jump into action during an actual emergency.
- When visiting the coast, familiarize yourself with the nearest tsunami evacuation routes.

During

- If an earthquake occurs while you are on the coast and indoors, drop, cover and hold on. If you are outdoors, avoid falling objects.
- When the shaking has stopped, move quickly inland and to higher ground. Go on foot if possible.
- Take a pre-prepared go-bag filled with emergency

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supplies, but don't delay leaving.

- If a tsunami watch is issued, listen to a NOAA weather radio, a Coast Guard emergency frequency station or other reliable sources for updated emergency information. Be ready to evacuate.
- Remain inland and on higher ground until an "all clear" announcement is made by local officials.

After

- Continue listening to a NOAA weather radio, a Coast Guard station or a local radio or television station for the latest updates.
- Return to lower ground only after local officials tell you it is safe to do so. A tsunami may consist of a series of waves and could continue for hours. Do



Tips For Emergencies:

- If the water looks too deep, don't go through it
- Coast KDEP 105.5 FM KTIL 95.5FM KTIL 1590 AM
- Road & weather info dial 511 or 1-800-977-6368
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not assume that after one wave the danger is over. The next wave may be larger than the first one.

- Check yourself for injuries and get first aid as needed before helping injured or trapped persons.
- If someone needs to be rescued, call professionals who have the right equipment to help. Many people have been killed or injured trying to rescue others.
- Assist people with access and functional needs who require assistance, such as infants and children, as well as the elderly, the disabled and those without transportation.
- Avoid disaster areas. Your presence might interfere with emergency response operations and put you at further risk from the residual effects of the tsunami.
- Use texts to communicate with friends or family. Phone calls should only be made if absolutely necessary.
- Stay out of buildings surrounded by water. Tsunami water can cause floors to crack or walls to collapse.
- Use caution when re-entering buildings or homes.

Tsnunami evacuation maps and other resources are available at nvs.nanoos.org/TsunamiEvac.









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TILLAMOOK COUNTY

Safety and Emergency Resources

If you are having an emergency, please call 9-1-1 immediately.

Non-Emergency Dispatch 503-815-1911

Adventist Health Tillamook 503-842-4444 1000 Third St. Tillamook, OR 97171

Adventist Health Tillamook Medical Office – Plaza 503-842-5546 1100 Third St. Tillamook, OR 97141

Care Inc. 503-842-5261 2310 First St. #2 Tillamook, OR 97141

Oregon Poison Center 800-222-1222

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Tillamook County Emergency Management 503-842-3412 5995 Long Prairie Rd. Tillamook, OR 97141

Tillamook County Sheriff's Office 503-842-2561 5995 Long Prairie Rd. Tillamook, OR 97141

Oregon State Police 503-842-2899 **Tillamook Police Department** 503-842-2522 207 Madrona Ave. Tillamook, OR 97141

Tillamook Fire District 503-842-7587 2310 4th St. Tillamook, OR 97141

Tillamook People's Utility District 503-842-2535 or 800-422-2535 1115 Pacific Ave. Tillamook, OR 97141

Emergency after hours: 503-842-2122 or 800-842-2122

NORTH COUNTY

Manzanita Police Department 503-368-7229

Adventist Health – Manzanita Primary & Specialty Care 503-368-6244 10445 Neahkahnie Creek Rd. Manzanita, OR 97130

Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue 503-368-7590 36375 Hwy 101 N. Nehalem, OR 97131

Rockaway Beach Fire Department 503-355-2291 276 Hwy 101 S. Rockaway Beach, OR 97136 Rockaway Beach Police Department 503-374-1726 216 Hwy 101 N. Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

CENTRAL COUNTY

Bay City Fire Department 503-377-0233 9390 4th St. Bay City, OR 97107

Garibaldi Fire & Rescue

503-322-3635 107 6th St. Garibaldi, OR 97118

Netarts-Oceanside Fire & Rescue

503-842-5900 1235 5th St. Loop W Tillamook, OR 97141

SOUTH COUNTY

Adventist Health Medical Office – Pacific City 503-965-6555 38505 Brooten Rd. Pacific City, OR 97135

Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District 503-392-3313 30710 Hwy 101 S Cloverdale, OR 97112

Be prepared for a power outage

Power outages are most commonly caused by bad weather, trees contacting electric lines or equipment, motor vehicle crashes affecting electric equipment, equipment failure or damage caused by animals. Faulty wiring and equipment in your buildings can also cause a localized power outage.

Investigate your home or business to determine if any electrical hazards are present. If there are, notify your local power company. If you see or smell any signs of an electrical flash or fire, call 911.

Look to see if your neighbors are also without power. Streetlights may be the best indication of this.

Prepare in advance: assemble an emergency preparedness kit, with supplies such as water, nonperishable food, a flashlight, extra batteries, first aid kit and more; create a household evacuation plan that includes your pets; and stay informed abut your community's risk and response plans.

Protect yourself during a power outage: keep freezers and refrigerators closed, only use generators outdoors and away from windows and understand the risks of carbon monoxide poisoning, do not use a gas stove to heat your home, disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges, and check on neighbors, use flashlights instead of candles, eliminate unnecessary travel.

To keep your food from spoiling during a power outage, keep a cooler, ice and a digital thermometer on hand. Have at least a half tank of gas in your car and fill extra containers. If power is out for an extended time, gas supply may be limited. .

Be safe after: throw away food that has been exposed to temperatures 40 degrees or higher for two hours or more, or that has an unusual odor, color or texture; if the power is out for more than a day, discard any medication that should be refrigerated, unless the drug's label says otherwise.

If electrical power lines are down, do not touch them. Report downed lines to your utility company.

To report a power outage, call your local electric service.



Information was gathered from Tillamook PUD, Department of Homeland Security, and American Red Cross.



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City of Coos Bay Police: 541-269-8911 Fire: 541-269-1191 Public Works Department: 541-269-8918 Bay Area Hospital: 541-269-8111 Bay Area Hospital Emergency: 541-269-8085

City of Coquille Police: 541-396-2114 Fire: 541-396-2232 Public Works: 541-396-2115, ext. 205 Coquille Valley Hospital: 541-396-3101

City of Lakeside Fire: 541-759-3931 Public Works: 541-759-3011

City of Myrtle Point Police: 541-572-2124 Fire: 541-572-5422 Public Works: 541-572-2626 **City of North Bend** Police: 541-756-3161 Fire: 541-756-8581 Public Works: 541-756-8525

City of Port Orford Police: 541-332-3681 x 280 Fire: 541-366-4577 Public Works: 541-253-8002

City of Powers Police: 541-439-3331 Fire: 541-439-3331

City of Reedsport Police: 541-271-2100 Fire: 541-271-2423 Public Works: 541-271-3603 Lower Umpqua Hospital: 541-271-2171 Coos County Sheriff's Office: 541-396-7800 Douglas County Sheriff's Department: 541-271-4802 Curry County Sheriff's Office: 541-247-3244 County Fire Departments Bandon Rural Fire Protection District: 541-347-3560 Dora-Sitkum Fire Protection District: 541-572-5944 Gardiner Rural Fire Protection District: 541-756-7222 North Bay Fire: 541-756-3501

Winchester Bay Fire: 541-271-3808

Preparing for a pandemic

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Pandemics and large-scale outbreaks can claim millions of lives, disrupt societies and devastate economies.

Whether it's COVID-19 (Coronavirus) or some variation of Influenza, it is worth being prepared so that you can be comfortable staying home if you or someone in your family does get sick and needs to remain in isolation, or if you're unable to easily purchase supplies at short notice.

According to Lincoln City Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Murphy, preparing

for a pandemic is much like peeping for any other natural disaster. His goal is to make sure citizens are always 2-weeks ready for disaster, and that includes a pandemic.

"Disasters can happen anytime, anyplace and generally without warning," Murphy said. "Think of all the things we've done to get ready for

COVID-19. How ready would you be if we had an earthquake and we didn't have weeks to prepare?"

On a national level, different countries will usually have their own policies and public health programs to contain pandemics and protect their citizens from infection, either targeting specific threats or by issuing general advice. But here are a few things you can do to help prepare specifically for a pandemic.

Make a plan of what you'll do if you or someone in your family becomes sick. Will you keep kids at home with you? Who will look after you? Your pets?

Prepare for disruption to the kinds of services that are most vulnerable in your community stocking up on two weeks of drinking water and preserved food is a good start. The rule of thumb is around 3.7 liters (1 gallon) of clean drinking water per person per day for cleaning, cooking, and drinking. Canned foods and a manual can opener could be helpful. Buy things you know you'll eat, including snacks, protein, carbs, fruits, and vegetables. Don't forget pet food if you



have animals to take care of. There's no need to be excessive or hoard supplies, you can simply buy a few extra items each time you go to the supermarket.

Have ready access to necessary medical records and details on your personal health needs, if possible in a hard copy.

Ensure essential prescription drugs are topped up.

While you're at it, check your first aid kit and make sure you've got a good supply of non-prescription medications - ibuprofen and paracetamol could make you feel a lot less sick if you do become unwell.

> Stock up on cleaning supplies, as well as sanitizers and tissues.

If a suitable vaccine is publicly available and recommended by local health authorities, get it.

When disease breaks out, you should already be practicing proper hygiene. It shouldn't take a pandemic to prevent a pandemic. But here are some tips to stop the spread of

infections disease.

Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze and cough, preferably with a tissue you can then discard hygienically, or with your elbow.

If you choose to wear a face covering, keep in mind its effect depends on the type of material, and is probably not as effective at protecting you (or others) as you might think.

Wash your hands properly and frequently, preferably with an alcohol-based sanitizer.

If you get sick, do everything you can to avoid passing it on to work colleagues, community members, and loved ones. Isolate yourself if possible, and if you need to be out, do your best to keep your hands to yourself, and stay at least 6 feet away from other bodies. This is when wearing a mask can be useful - if you do need to go out in public, wearing a mask can stop droplets reaching others.

"When properly pursued, preparedness is a way of life, it is not a sudden spectacular program," says Murphy.

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Build a Kit



In Oregon and Southwest Washington, there is a high probability of a 9.0 Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. The Red Cross recommends that you have enough supplies to be self-sufficient for at least two weeks. We recommend that you have an emergency supplies kit in each location that you spend considerable time (i.e., at home, in the car and at work).

Household Emergency Supplies Kit

Keep two weeks' worth of emergency supplies for your household in a portable container that you can use at home or take with you if you evacuate. Start with these items:

- Water: one gallon per person (and pets) per day, for drinking and basic hygiene.
- Food: items that aren't perishable or don't need to be cooked (e.g., peanut butter, canned meats, energy bars, canned fruits and vegetables, beans or soup.)
- First aid kit with essential prescription and over-the-counter medications.

Additional Supplies

- Flashlight (battery or alternative-powered)
- Radio (battery or alternative-powered)
- Extra batteries
- Solar charger
- Extra cords for electronics
- Copies of important documents
- Emergency contact information and copy of household emergency plan
- Cash in small denominations
- Pet supplies
- Multipurpose tool and work gloves
- Comfort items, such as toys, games and family photos
- Manual can opener
- Duct tape and plastic sheeting
- Hygiene and sanitation supplies

Vehicle and Work Emergency Supplies Kits

Your vehicle and workplace emergency supplies kits should contain a minimum of three days of supplies. Keep the supplies in a backpack or sturdy container with a lid.

- Blankets or sleeping bag
- Bottled water (use a heavy plastic bottle specifically made for water storage and fill with tap water)
- Nonperishable food items
- Cell phone charger
- Emergency flares or reflective triangle (vehicle only)
- First aid kit and reference guide
- Ice scraper
- Jumper cables and tool kit (vehicle only)
- Manual can opener
- Prescriptions (if applicable)

Go Bag for Tsunamis

If you live in or are visiting a coastal location which may experience tsunamis, your go bag for tsunamis should be readily accessible to grab as you will likely evacuate on foot. Keep the supplies in a bag that can be easily carried.

- Radio (battery or alternative-powered)
- Water bottle and water treatment supplies capable of providing one gallon of water per person per day
- Nonperishable food items
- Small radio (battery or alternative-powered)
- Local evacuation map
- Jacket to protect you from the rain and/or cold
- Personal first aid kit and reference guide
- Prescriptions
- Sun protection
- Hand sanitizer
- Whistle
- Illumination (headlamp / flashlight / light sticks)
- Candles and waterproof matches or a lighter
- Blanket

"By the Bed" Mini Kit

Keep a sturdy pair of shoes, a flashlight and an extra pair of glasses (if you wear them) in a bag attached to the head or foot of your bed. If an emergency strikes at night, you'll be able to walk across debris and see where you're going.

Review your supplies kit every six months. Replace any items nearing their expiration dates. Assemble your own kit or purchase a starter kit at redcrossstore.org.

CURRY COUNTY

The following are physical addresses, non-emergency phone numbers, and websites for Curry County law enforcement, fire departments and PUD's.

If you are having an emergency, please call 9-1-1 immediately.

Law Enforcement Services Curry County Sheriff

John Ward, Sheriff 541-247-3242, 1-800-543-8471

https://www.co.curry.or.us/government/county_ sheriff/index.php

Brookings Police Department

Kelby McCrae, Chief of Police / Director of Public Safety 541-469-3118 https://www.brookings.or.us/134/Police-Services

Gold Beach Police Department

Tracy Wood, Chief of Police 29592 Ellensburg Ave., Gold Beach 541-247-7029 https://www.goldbeachoregon.gov/police

Port Orford Police Department

Hank Hobart, Chief of Police 555 20th St., Port Orford 541-332-3581

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Southern Command Center, non-emergency number 1-800-442-2068 https://www.oregon.gov/osp/Pages/contact.

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898 Elk Dr., Brookings

Phone: 541-469-1142 https://www.brookings.or.us/132/Fire-Rescue

Cape Ferrelo Rural Fire Protection District

96349 Cape Ferrelo Rd, Brookings Phone: 541-661-2128

Cedar Valley-North Bank Rural Fire Protection District Gold Beach-Wedderburn Rural Fire Protection District Gold Beach Fire Department Harbor Rural Fire Protection District Langlois Rural Fire Protection District Ophir Rural Fire Protection District Pistol River Rural Fire Protection District Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District Upper Chetco Rural Fire Protection District United States Forest Service, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Some stations are staffed seasonally

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Other Emergency Services

Curry County Office of Emergency Services County Disaster Plan Community Alert sign-up Poison Control Road Conditions Tsunami Warning West Coast Tsunami Warning Center https://ntwc.ncep.noaa.gov/

Make a Plan

After a disaster, everyday services may be unavailable. Plan for power outages, limited communication, road closures and difficulty accessing clean water. In the event of a major catastrophe, a delay in help from emergency responders is inevitable. Your pre-established emergency plan will help you to be safe and comfortable and may allow you to help others before help arrives. There are several no cost steps you can take today to begin building your household's preparedness plan.

Talk

Your plan needs to be tailored to and account for the specific needs of your household. Developing a plan for you and your household requires buy-in and agreement from everyone. Include your entire household in the planning process. Your plan should consider the following:

- Does anyone have food sensitivities or other dietary needs?
- Does anyone require access and functional needs equipment to remain independent (e.g., hearing devices, glasses, mobility devices, etc.)?
- Are there specific medical supplies or equipment that are critical for anyone?
- Are there unique needs if your household is separated when a disaster occurs (e.g., a disaster occurs while you or other members of your household are at work or school)?
- Identify each person's role in the event of a disaster, and plan to work together as a team.
- Talk with your neighbors to learn what resources they have and how they might be pooled to help the community (e.g., generator, chain saw, medical skills, etc.)

Plan

- Pre-identify at least two places to meet up after a disaster. One should be near your home, in case of a local emergency like a house fire. A second should be outside your neighborhood, in case your neighborhood becomes unsafe or inaccessible following a disaster.
- Identify an out-of-state contact. Everyone in your family should have the contact's phone number to be able to check in as safe. After a disaster,

local phone lines may be down or jammed. It may be easier to make a long-distance call than a local one. Use text messages, as texting might work even when voice calls cannot be made.

- Following an emergency, friends and loved ones will want to know you are safe. If you use social media, share that you are safe. You can also register yourself as "Safe" through the Red Cross Safe and Well service by visiting redcross. org/safeandwell.
- Update your cell phone with emergency contact information.
- For individuals without a smartphone or cell phone, be sure to write down important contacts to be notified in the event of an emergency on a piece of paper, and store these numbers in your wallet.
- Consider keeping a corded landline phone for use during emergencies, since these phones do not require electricity to operate.
- Create a paper copy of important contacts and information and keep it with your emergency supplies kit.
- Purchase insurance coverage. Your standard residential insurance policy may not cover damage caused by a disaster.
- Include your pets and/or livestock in your disaster planning.
- If you have children in school, ask about the school's emergency plans.
- If you know someone in an assisted living facility, ask about the facility's emergency plans.

Practice

- Practice household earthquake and fire drills at least twice a year. A good time to practice is each time you change your clocks for daylight savings time.
- When you practice your earthquake drill, after you drop, cover and hold on, perform an assessment of your home. Review where the gas and water shut off valves are. Discuss where your household (including pets) will go if you have to evacuate.
- Make practicing fun for kids by having a picnic with your emergency supplies and replace those that are used.



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