



Emergency Preparedness Community Newsletter

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Be Prepared for Power Outages

How to prepare for power outages

Power outages can happen at any time. The outage could be caused by storms, accidents, or necessary safety measures.

Contact your power company to make sure your contact information is up to date. They may have text alerts that can keep you informed of power outages in your area.

Protect your electronics, like TV's and computers, with surge protectors and unplug them when the power goes out.

Make sure you know how to override your garage door opener.

A portable generator or backup battery can help provide electricity to the appliances, devices, and systems that you need most in an emergency. If you have medical needs that require electricity, a generator or backup power source can be imperative. It is essential to learn how to safely operate these devices prior to an emergency. Generators also require proper storage, access to fuel and regular safety checks.



Prepare an emergency supply kit. Your kit should include a two-to-three week supply of shelf stable food for all people and pets in your home, one gallon of water per person/per day, flashlights and extra batteries, battery powered radio and extra batteries, solar phone chargers, blankets and/or sleeping bags, one change of clothes and shoes per person, wrench or pliers to turn off utilities, manual can opener, toiletries, first-aid kit, prescription medications, dust masks, cash, family contact sheet, and copies of important documents. Emergency supply kits should be prepared before an emergency or disaster. Store your kit in an airtight plastic bag, plastic bin, or a duffel bag. Make sure everyone knows where the kit is stored and that it is readily available. Be sure to restock your kit periodically so that it is always up to date and ready for use.



Pool and Swimming Safety



Did you know that drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death among children ages 1-4?

Drownings happen quickly and often they are silent. They are 100% preventable by following simple water safety steps.

Adults need to stay with children when they are in or around water. DO NOT read, use a cell phone, or leave children unattended. Keep the pool and deck clear of floats, balls, and toys after you get out of the pool. For pre-schoolers, an adult should be close enough to touch the child. Never swim near a boat, marina, or boat launch. When boating, always use a certified life jacket.

**Your safety is dependent on the preparation
and safety of your family, neighbors,
community, and local fire department.**

Get involved.

**Your local volunteer fire department
has boots for you to fill!**





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Fire Extinguishers

Did you know there are 5 primary types of fire extinguishers, each designed to put out different kinds of fires?



For use with ordinary materials like cloth, wood, and paper.



For use with combustibles and flammable liquids like grease, gasoline, oil and oil-based paints.



For use with electrical equipment like appliances, tools, or other equipment that is plugged into an outlet.



For use with flammable metals.



For use with vegetable oils, animal oils, and fats in cooking appliances.

There are also multipurpose fire extinguishers that might be labeled "B-C" or A-B-C" that can be used on most types of home fires. Most home improvement stores carry multipurpose extinguishers that cover Class A through Class C.



Use fire extinguishers on small fires only.

Remember the word **PASS**:

Pull the pin.

Aim low at the base of the fire.

Squeeze the lever slowly.

Sweep the nozzle from side to side.



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The Central Linn community faces the possibility of natural disasters every day. There have been several wildfires burning in Oregon this year, and the season is not over yet.

Are you prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice if the need arose? Do you have a plan to keep your family safe and alive? Now is the time to prepare.

The website **www.clcepc.org** is designed to provide information and help you be prepared for the thinkable and the unthinkable. On the website there are links to other online resources as well. **Be Prepared, Be Ready, & Be Safe!**