

Ready in Renton!

Are you prepared?

After a major disaster, it might be several days before vital services are restored. Our area is vulnerable to a wide variety of hazards, both natural and man-made. Earthquakes, fires, severe storms, power outages, and floods are just some of the possible emergencies we may experience.

Imagine that you have no electricity, no gas, no water and no telephone service. Just imagine that all the businesses are closed and you are without any kind of emergency services. What will you do until help arrives?

Two important things to do in an emergency are: be informed and be prepared. Ready in Renton works to do just that by providing important information, tools and resources to help you to be ready when disaster strikes. Learn more about the many ways you can get emergency information when it matters most.

Also be sure to check out the great classes on pages 8 and 9 that are being offered through the **Renton Emergency Preparedness Academy (REPA)**. These classes will teach you ways to better prepare yourself, your family and your home on how to survive an emergency, weather a storm or be able to help your community in a disaster. Sign up now! You'll be glad you did.

Get Ready - Get Connected

One important need everyone has during a disaster is the ability to communicate. Whether you're receiving vital information, safety instructions or trying to reconnect with loved ones, being connected before, during and after an emergency is important to everyone.

CodeRED Emergency Notification System

As part of keeping you informed during an emergency, we're pleased to launch CodeRED, a community notification system. City officials can now deliver important messages to targeted areas or the entire city. It makes it easy for you to stay informed about things like utility outages, floods, evacuation notices and any type of emergency incident that can affect you. Just go to rentonwa.gov and click on the CodeRED logo and complete the registration form. You can also register your Renton-based business, cellular phone or TDD/TTY phone.

SIGN UP TODAY!

Critical Emergency Information Page

The City of Renton has developed a Critical Emergency Information page on its website. When there is important emergency information to be shared a Critical Emergency Information link will appear on the homepage of the city's website, rentonwa.gov. During non-emergency periods, the Critical Emergency Information page can be found under "Emergencies" on the website where you can subscribe to ensure you stay informed.

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Emergency Alert System (EAS)

Most everyone has heard the several distinct tones of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) interrupting your regular television or radio broadcast, and in many instances it includes an announcement that says it's only a test. This system is in place and ready to deliver important messages in the event of an emergency. Always listen closely to the EAS warning; it might not be a test. Pay close attention to the information it provides for your safety and that of those who depend on you.

NOAA Weather Radio

The NOAA Weather Radio is a valuable piece of equipment that can warn your household of an impending emergency, whether it is a weather related emergency or another kind of crisis that has resulted in an Emergency Alert System activation. Your NOAA radio should have the Public Alert logo and a battery backup. Check that it also has "S.A.M.E." "Specific Area Message Encoding" - programming capability. This allows you to receive only the messages specific to your area. Some NOAA Weather Radios can issue an alarm for the hearing-impaired. There are a number of suppliers of NOAA Weather Radios, right here in Renton or online.

In a disaster... Did You Know?

- Phone lines were "hardened" years ago to withstand nuclear attack and are quite resistant to damage. It's difficult to make local calls not because of damage, but because of the number of people trying to call at the same time. Typically, however, you can make long distance calls.
- One reason the local phone system shuts down during earthquakes is because handsets get knocked from their bases. Help restore local phone service by making sure all your phones are hung up.
- You should keep a phone that does not require electricity. Cordless phones use electricity! - if power is out, they will not work.
- Pay phones are part of the emergency services network, and are a priority to be restored to service. Tape the coins needed to use a pay phone to your out-of-area contact card.



Put these on your
TO-DO LIST
you'll be glad you did!

- ✓ Get a Kit
- ✓ Have a Plan
- ✓ Be Informed
- ✓ Get Involved

For more information, call 425-430-6700 or visit rentonwa.gov

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Renton Emergency Preparedness Academy

The City of Renton, Renton Technical College and the American Red Cross bring you the Renton Emergency Preparedness Academy. Academy courses help you be prepared for emergencies. For information on course content contact the City of Renton at 425-430-7000 or American Red Cross at 206-709-4528.

Women's Self Defense Class

This program is presented by the Normandy Park Police Department and is taught using the nationally recognized RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE SYSTEM. The RAD System begins with crime prevention, risk reduction and avoidance while progressing on to the basics of hands-on self-defense. This program is dedicated to teaching defensive concepts and techniques against various types of assault by utilizing easy, effective and proven self defense tactics. Instructors are certified in the area of women's self defense. Class is 12 hours; you must attend all four sessions. Athletic attire recommended. #46242 T/Th 9/22-10/1 6:00-9:00pm Vickers Free

Community Emergency Response Team

Ages 18 & up. After a disaster, people should be prepared to take care of their own needs for a period of time until help arrives. The Renton Fire and Emergency Service Department offers CERT to teach individuals how to prepare their homes and neighborhoods to respond to disasters. Topics covered include personal preparedness, first aid, fire suppression, search and rescue, terrorism and team organization. Instruction includes a combination of classroom and practical "hands-on" training. CERT graduates serve as their own "first responders" during the critical period after a disaster when existing resources are overwhelmed. **Held at Fire Station # 14.** #46243 W 9/23-11/11 6:00-9:00pm Mattson \$25R/\$30NR and Saturday, 11/14 from 9:00am-2:00pm

For more ways to get prepared contact us at 425 430-7000 or visit rentonwa.gov

Other places to look for helpful information include:

3days3ways.org
rpin.org
redcross.org
emd.wa.gov

Flood Preparedness and Safety

Ages 18 & up. The number of homes and businesses experiencing flooding in our area is increasing. Weather changes, new construction, infrastructure failure—not many people move into a location expecting it to flood so it can feel like an unending nightmare when it happens. This lecture will teach you about flood insurance, how to identify locations at risk of flooding, as well as showing you the steps you can take to reduce water impact on your home. #46260 M 10/5 6:00-7:00pm Rothman Free

When Fire Strikes!

Ages 16 & up. This two hour course is designed to teach you what to do if a fire occurs in your home. Participants will learn about the most common causes of fires, facts about smoke alarms and the life saving components included in a home escape plan. You will also learn about the different classifications of fire and the safe use of a fire extinguisher. Instruction consists of a lecture format with hands-on fire extinguisher practice outside. (Dress appropriately, sturdy shoes etc.) **Held at Renton Fire & Emergency Services - Fire Station #14.** #46267 Th 10/8 6:00-8:00pm Mattson Free



All classes held at Renton Community Center unless otherwise noted.

Register for recreation programs on-line at cybersignup.org or rentonwa.gov

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Out-of Area Contacts

If you are separated from your loved ones when disasters strike, you immediately will wonder how and where they are. The stress of the event may make it difficult to remember even routine information, like phone numbers. Consequently, we recommend that every household member have an out-of-area contact card in a wallet, purse, or backpack at all times.

Ask an out-of-area friend to be your contact person. This person should live at least 100 miles away from you. Make small cards with this person's name and phone number for all family members to carry in their wallets, purses, or backpacks.

Clip and Save!

 rentonwa.gov	OUT OF AREA CONTACT Why? Local phone systems may be shut down in a disaster. However, you frequently can place a long distance call.
	Name (print):
	Phone number (with area code):
	Cell phone number (with area code):
Tip: You may be able to text message loved ones on your cell phone. Remember to keep these messages short.	

Shelter Operations and Simulation

Ages 18 & up. This instructor-led course is designed for the learners to acquire knowledge of Red Cross policies and procedures for setting up, running and closing a shelter during a disaster. The course includes lecture, group exercises and a simulation.

#46300 S 10/10
9:00am-5:00pm Brasch Free

Disaster Preparedness for Animals

Ages 14 & up. Presents options, advice, solutions for preparing a pet or livestock owner for disasters or emergencies such as floods, etc. Discusses best practices for evacuating with an animal, sheltering in place, storing sufficient food and equipment, medical and identification needs, etc. Provides information on animal organizations needing volunteers and which provide training at various levels.

#46249 Th 10/8
7:00-9:00pm McCallum Free

Interacting with Emergency Responders

Ages 12 & up. In the middle of an emergency or unexpected event, it is important to know what to say or do to interact effectively with emergency responders. Through lecture and discussion, this class will cover a wide spectrum of possible scenarios, including calling 9-1-1, encountering police activity on your street, helping at an accident, identifying a utility emergency, providing information to paramedics, or even being pulled over for speeding by police. You will learn what emergency responders expect of you, what you can expect of them, and how you can work productively with them during the emergency.

#46271 Th 11/5
10:00am-12:00pm Needham Free

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Pandemic Awareness Training

Ages 18 & up. Current threat or media hype? If you think it is media hype then you are encouraged to take this informational program on Pandemic Awareness. The Pandemic Threat Awareness Training explains the threat of pandemic, the current level of H1N1 (swine flu) and H5N1 (avian flu) threat, the difference between seasonal and pandemic flu, prevention methods and recommended work practices. This is a one-hour presentation and each participant receives a packet of information to prepare for both work and home. The course is taught in lecture format with interactive query and room for individual questions.

#46270 Th 10/22
6:00-7:00pm Kasper Free

Amateur Radio (HAM) Licensing

Amateur radio, often called ham radio, is both a hobby and a service in which participants, called "hams," use various types of radio equipment to communicate with other radio amateurs for recreation and public service. This course covers all of Element 2 of the FCC Amateur Radio Service materials. Participants will be fully prepared to take the Technician Class Licensing Exam which will be administered at the end of day two. After passing the exam, you will receive your amateur radio license by mail from the FCC. A \$50 fee payable to instructor covers manual and license exam fee. Held at Fire Station #12

#46272 S/Su 11/7 & 11/8
9:00am-4:00pm Mattson Free

Map Your Neighborhood Facilitator Training

Ages 15 & up. Going a step beyond personal emergency preparedness, which is not specifically addressed in this training, this course will prepare you to organize and lead a 90-minute discussion with your neighbors. Together with your neighbors you will take an inventory of the special needs and emergency resources you have in your own neighborhood. Neighbors, helping neighbors can make the difference in how well your community weathers the disaster.

#46273 Th 11/12
6:30pm-8:30pm Myers Free