



Our Renton

Community News, Programs, and Events



Prepare for the unexpected

By Michelle Theurer, MPA

EMERGENCIES CAN STRIKE WITHOUT WARNING: when you're walking your dog, buying groceries, fixing your car, or strolling with loved ones in the park. They come unexpectedly and inconveniently.

Renton is susceptible to various degrees of significant natural emergencies, including earthquakes, flooding, snow, and extreme heat.

You might ask, "How can I be ready if I don't know when the unexpected will occur?" The answer: education.

Basic emergency preparedness skills can protect yourself and your loved ones during uncertainty. Here's how you can learn these skills:

TAKE A CLASS

The city's Emergency Management Division hosts a variety of classes through partnerships with Renton Technical College, Renton Regional Fire Authority, Renton Police Department, and others.

This fall, emergency management

hosts one of the most important classes of the year: [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#).

CERT trainings were started in 1985 by the Los Angeles Fire Department and spread throughout the nation. These classes show attendees how to prepare their homes for disasters and respond to neighborhood emergencies.

Topics include personal preparedness, first aid, fire suppression, search and rescue, terrorism response, and team organization. The CERT class meets every Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. from September 21 to November 2 at Renton Regional Fire Authority Fire Station 14 with a final drill on Saturday, November 4, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no charge. Ages 18 and older. Register at rentonwa.gov/register, using the keyword "emergency." In-person registration is available at Renton Community Center.

Throughout the year, general preparedness classes are also available. Register for those at rentonwa.gov/register using the keyword "emergency."

TEACH YOURSELF

Many websites like [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) and [makeitthrough.org](https://www.makeitthrough.org) demonstrate basic preparations and response skills.

GET INVOLVED

Join a local volunteer group, such as [RECS \(Renton Emergency Communication Service\)](#). Or form your own neighborhood CERT Team after completing the class.

Remember, preparation can lessen any disaster's impact on you and your community.

Michelle Theurer is the City of Renton's Emergency Management Coordinator.

September is Ready in Renton Month, the ideal time to prepare your family for upcoming severe weather. Find more information on classes, emergency alert systems, and tips to be ready at rentonwa.gov/em.



September 9-17, 2023

WELCOMING WEEK celebrates strong community support, celebrates the benefits of an inclusive society, and deepens Renton's commitment to creating places that welcome everyone. The celebration is a perfect opportunity to emphasize the vitality and diversity that refugees and immigrants bring to every American community.

Immigrants and refugees help make Renton a great place to live through their innovative thinking, diverse perspectives, and rich culture that adds depth to our city.

During Welcoming Week we will post highlights on the positive work we do daily to ensure we all belong and thrive, no matter where we come from, and how you can get involved.



September 29, 9 am - 1 pm

IMPROVE YOUR INDEPENDENCE, HEALTH, AND QUALITY OF LIFE at the Senior Resource Expo on Friday, September 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Ave. N.

Browse more than 35 vendor exhibits and enjoy a variety of presentations on subjects such as health and wellness, financial scams, transportation, housing, and more.

Free transportation is available for Renton residents. Call Hyde Shuttle at 206-727-6262.

More information can be found at rentonwa.gov/seniorexpo.

Pre-registration is available until event is filled. Register at rentonwa.gov/register using the keyword "expo" or call 425-430-6633.

City Hall Hours

Municipal Court & Passports
Monday–Friday
8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. and 12:30–4 p.m.
Passports: Tuesday mornings by appt.
Call 425-430-6550 to schedule.

Finance Counter, Utility Bills, License & Tax Counter
Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Building & Permit Counter
Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday
9–11:30 a.m. and 1–4 p.m.

Police Counter
Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

City Services
rentonwa.gov/cityservices

City Contacts


- General Information 425-430-6400
- Mayor 425-430-6500
- Building Permits 425-430-7200
- City Council 425-430-6501
- City Clerk 425-430-6510
- Code Enforcement 425-430-7373
- Parks & Recreation 425-430-6600
- Licensing & Taxes 425-430-6851
- Municipal Court & Passports 425-430-6550
- Police (business line) 425-430-7500
- Regional Fire Authority . . 425-271-7900
- Utility Billing 425-430-6852

EMERGENCY 911
Non-Emergency 425-235-2121

Community Calendar rentonwa.gov/events

Renton Farmers Market
THROUGH SEPT 26, Tuesdays, 3–7pm
Piazza Park, S 3rd St. & Logan Ave. S
 Local farmers, fresh food, friendly people.
rentonfarmersmarket.com

Pop-Up with a Cop
SEPT 12, Tuesday, 3–7pm
Farmers Market, S 3rd St & Logan Ave. S
Meet your Renton police officers at Renton Farmers Market. Officers and police personnel will be onsite to engage with and answer any questions you have about our department. We'll have games for your little ones and other fun activities for all ages.

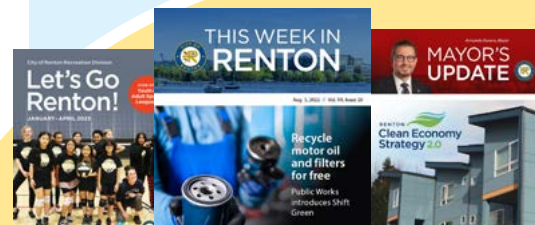
Super Hero 5K
SEPT 22, Friday, 6pm
Renton Community Ctr.
1715 Maple Valley Hwy.

Choose your hero and unleash the superpowers in you for this family-friendly 5K run along the Cedar River Trail. Register at rentonwa.gov/heroregister.

50+ Senior Resource Expo
SEPT 29, Friday, 9am–1pm
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