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Make an Emergency Plan this September with help from the City of Tigard

In celebration of National Preparedness Month (NPM), the City of Tigard is highlighting resources available to help neighborhoods in being prepared. The NPM national movement serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and also where we visit.

The theme for this year's event, "Don't Wait, Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today," couldn't be more fitting for the City of Tigard's Public Works Director. "What we've learned is that emergency management must be a partnership between the city and our residents. We want to work together to identify strengths, gaps and clarify expectations on a good day so that we are prepared and ready for a bad day."

The city offers free services to residents, property owners, and those who work in Tigard including:

- Training – Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Listos (Spanish version of CERT), Teen CERT and Educators CERT
- Neighborhood level planning – Map Your Neighborhood
- Business assistance – Continuity of operations plan guidance

Preparing for an emergency can start with four important steps: Be informed about emergencies that could happen, and identify sources of information in your community that will be helpful before, during and after an emergency. Make a plan for what to do in an emergency. Build an emergency supply kit. Get involved.

Emergencies can happen anytime and anywhere without notice. Households, businesses and organizations should prepare in the event an emergency causes you to be self-reliant for two to three weeks without utilities, electricity, or water, without access to a supermarket or local services or maybe even without response from police, fire or rescue.

For more information about what you can do to be prepared visit ready.gov or www.tigard-or.gov/prepared.