

PERSONAL AND FAMILY SAFETY

Your number one concern is the protection of you, your family and your property.

Our community is vulnerable to many challenges such as earthquakes, severe winds, snow/ice damage, wild fires, etc. that can lead to power outages, blocked roads, Hood Canal Bridge closure, etc.

In some cases, such as wild fires, evacuation may be needed. The below lists a few considerations to help enhance your readiness for some of the above concerns:

- Does your entire family have at least three days of non-refrigerated food and bottled water to sustain them?
- Do you have a medical kit that is easily accessible to your family?
 - Do you have fully functioning fire extinguishers in the house?
- Does your family have a method of escape out of the immediate area?
- Does your family have maps indicating their primary and alternate escape routes?
 - Does your family have an alternate place to go if necessary? This may be another family member's house or a designated meeting point. Are alternate phone numbers written down and in your wallet/purse? (Note: cell phones/texting and regular phones may be down. Do you have an alternate way of communicating?)
- Designate a family member or other person outside the affected area to serve as the primary point of contact for all family members to call.
- Do you have copies of your valuable documents packaged and ready to quickly take with you? Items such as marriage license, mortgage paperwork, deeds, insurance paperwork, any wills, a listing of bank and credit card contacts along with account numbers?
- Do you have access to additional cash? ATMs will likely be down, and banks closed, during a major event.
- Do you have sufficient fuel for your car, for your generator (if you have one), for your chain saw, if it is necessary to clear a road?
- Do you have sufficient supply of medications for several days?

There is also a Jefferson County emergency preparedness committee (NPREP Team). If you are interested in finding out about their meetings and information, please contact them at: 360-301-1750.