Protect Your Family Before Disaster Strikes

Where will you and your family be in an emergency? What will you do if basic services (electricity, gas, telephone, and water) are disrupted for prolonged periods?

Whether faced with a family emergency or a regional disaster, the effort you put into family preparedness and disaster planning will play a large role in how well you survive an event.

Identify the Hazards
Consult your local emergency manager, library or your local American Red Cross to learn about the hazards in your area.

- Earthquake
- Wildfire
- Flood
- Wind Storm
- Landslide
- Winter Storm
- Hazardous Material Spill

Identify How the Hazards Can Impact Your Family
Assess what consequences your family might face for your family when disaster strikes. Consider the time of day, the day of the week, and the time of year.

- Injury
- Power Outage
- Isolation
- Separation
- Phone Outage
- Water Outage
- Property Damage

Identify Steps You Can Take To Minimize or Prevent the Hazard Impacts
Determine procedures and practices you can develop/implement to enhance your disaster resistance. Consult City of Gresham Emergency Management, or the American Red Cross, for assistance.

- Plans for home escape, family communication, and neighborhood evacuation
- Procedures for drop, cover, and hold; shelter-in-place; and utility shutoff
- Training in CPR, basic first aid, and use of a fire extinguisher
- Hazard-resistant construction materials
- Flood-proofing, landscaping, and site drainage practices
- Develop non-structural earthquake hazard mitigation
- Warning systems such as smoke alarms
- Comprehensive hazard insurance for your home and personal property
- Neighborhood disaster resource inventory