ARE YOU PREPARED to be self-sufficient for one to two weeks when disaster strikes? September is National Preparedness Month. We want you to “Be Ready in Renton.” Emergencies and disasters are becoming more frequent, often occurring without prior notice. The resources you are accustomed to, such as electricity, Wi-Fi, and even your electronic devices, might not be accessible during a disaster.

So how can you be ready? Here are a few tips to follow from makeitthrough.org:

MAKE A PLAN
- Have a plan for how you will respond, stay informed, and contact others during an emergency.

BUILD A KIT
- Have suitable materials on hand for when a disaster strikes. To learn the basics of building a personalized kit, visit makeitthrough.org/individuals.

GET INVOLVED
- Take part in our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Our emergency management division is revitalizing the Renton CERT program with a new course at the end of September. During the seven-session course, participants will gain skills in light search and rescue operations, individual and home preparedness, disaster medical operations, and fire safety. Register at rentonwa.gov/register. Use keyword “CERT”.
- Take a class! Renton Emergency Preparedness Academy (REPA) will have classes at Renton Technical College in spring 2023 on emergency preparedness.

STAY INFORMED
- Get a NOAA Weather Radio, preferably a programmable one that lets you choose specific alerts. Conventional TV and radio stations are typically slower to broadcast alerts.
- Sign up for Alerts to your phone and email. Sign up for Alerts to your phone and email at rentonwa.gov/alert. It’s FREE!
- Before an emergency occurs, find your low-tech Neighborhood Information Center at rentonwa.gov/alert. Most schools in Renton School District have one of these bulletin boards at their main entrance. Go there for info when high-tech capabilities and the internet are not available.

Taking these steps will not only help you be more prepared for emergencies but will make our community more resilient.
Reduce waste going to landfills

**Styrofoam & Document Shred Collection, September 17**

THE THIRD AND FINAL mini-recycle event of 2022 will be held Saturday, September 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTC north parking lot at NE 6th Place & Monroe Ave, NE. Bring clean Styrofoam blocks (look for #6 or EPS inside the recycle symbol), bagged peanuts, and bubble wrap for recycling. Document shredding is also available. Bring up to five boxes (size 12”x15”x10”) or equivalent in bags. Paper, blueprints, mail, photographs, and file folders accepted. Food donations will be accepted and donated to local food banks. See rentonwa.gov/recycleevents for details.

**IMPROVE YOUR INDEPENDENCE, HEALTH, AND QUALITY OF LIFE** at the Senior Resource Expo on Friday, September 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Renton Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Ave, N.

Browse from over 30 vendor exhibit displays and enjoy a variety of presentations on subjects such as health, finance, transportation, housing, and more.

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

More info at rentonwa.gov/seniorexpo. Pre-registration available until event is filled. Register at rentonwa.gov/register using keyword “expo” or call 425-430-6633.

**Styrofoam & Document Shred Collection**

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RTC Parking Lot, NE 6th & Monroe Ave. NE
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**50+ Senior Resource Expo**

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**Community Calendar**

**Renton Farmers Market**
JUNE–SEPT 27, Tuesdays, 3–7pm
Piazza Park, S 3rd St. & Logan Ave. S
Local farmers, fresh food, friendly people. rentonfarmersmarket.com

**Renton CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)**
SEPT 22–NOV 3, Thursdays 6–9pm
Fire Station 14 (Final drill held Sat, Nov 5 7am–1pm, King Co. Fire District 20)
The CERT program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Age 18 and up. $25. Register at rentonwa.gov/register. Use keyword “CERT”.

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**EMERGENCY**
Non-Emergency ........ 425-235-2121

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Utility Billing ........... 425-430-6852

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**City Hall Hours**

**Municipal Court & Passports**
Monday–Friday
8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. and 12:30–4 p.m.
Passports: Tuesday mornings.
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.

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