



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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Are you prepared to be self-sufficient for one to two weeks when disaster strikes? September is National Preparedness Month, and we want you to "Be Ready in Renton."

Emergencies and disasters are becoming more frequent, often occurring without 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 from [makeitthrough.org](https://www.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](https://www.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 light search and rescue skills, plus learn about individual and home preparedness, disaster medical operations, and fire safety. The course meets on Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 22 to Nov. 3 at Renton Regional Fire Authority Station 14 (900 Lind Ave. SW). The final drill is Saturday, Nov. 5.

Register at rentonwa.gov/register. Use the keyword "CERT."

Take a class

Renton Emergency Preparedness Academy (REPA) will have emergency preparedness classes at Renton Technical College in spring 2023.

Stay informed

Get a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio, preferably a programmable one that lets you choose specific alerts. Over-the-air television and radio stations are typically slower to broadcast alerts.

Sign up for free Alerts to your phone and email at rentonwa.gov/alert.

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 help you be more prepared for emergencies and make our community more resilient.



Parks Structural Assessment

Our parks and recreation division is currently assessing facilities at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park and Kennydale Beach Park, including bridges, boardwalks, and docks. Their work is scheduled to be finished on Sept. 15.

All park facilities will remain open during the assessment, except for brief closures at the Coulon Beach boat launch.

These assessments are conducted every five years to determine the structural condition and safety of park facilities and structures. The work is primarily conducted via boat, including in-water diving and above-grade visual inspection.



King County under burn ban

King County is under a Phase I Burn Ban through Sept. 30. The ban was implemented to combat decreased moisture content in the air and predicted warmer weather conditions.

The ban does not affect recreational fires, gas/propane appliances (including grills), pellet smokers, and charcoal grills.

Approved recreational fires during the ban must:

- Be built in a metal or concrete fire pit, such as those typically found in designated campgrounds, and not be used for debris disposal.
- Grow no larger than three feet in diameter.
- Be in a clear spot free from vegetation for at least 10 feet in a horizontal direction, at least 25 feet away from any structure, and with at least 20-foot vertical clearance from overhanging branches.
- Be always attended by an alert individual with access to equipment capable of extinguishing the fire: a shovel, a 5-gallon bucket of water, or a connected and charged water hose.
- Be extinguished entirely by pouring water or moist soil on fire and stirring with a shovel until all parts are cool to the touch. The use of self-contained camp stoves is encouraged as an alternative.
- Not be built when winds exceed 15 miles per hour.



Youth Ride Transit for Free

All riders [18 and younger can now take area transit for free](#), including [King County Metro](#) and [Sound Transit](#).

Youth riders can use current youth or student ORCA cards or show their student identification. The expiration date on ORCA cards was extended until June 30, 2023. New black ORCA cards will be available soon and distributed through schools and customer services.

Read this [King County Metro blog post](#) for more information, or visit the [ORCA youth card website](#).



Volunteers needed for Senior Resource Expo

We need volunteers to help at our Age Friendly Senior Resource Expo. The expo is Friday, Sept. 30, at Renton Senior Activity Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteers will help set up and serve as greeters, interpreters, and translators for Chinese, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Multiple times for each role are available.

A virtual orientation for volunteers will take place in mid-September. In addition, volunteers are asked to attend a setup session at the senior center on Sept. 29 from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m.

Learn more information and [register to volunteer](#) on our website.



The Landing hosting virtual food drive

September is also Hunger Action Month.

The Landing is partnering with Food Lifeline to [host a month-long online food drive](#). The Landing will match every dollar donated up to \$2,000. In addition, one lucky donor will be selected to receive a gift card bundle to The Landing.



In other news this week

A recap of news posted on the city's social media accounts. You can find us (@cityofrenton) on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), & [Twitter](#). Renton residents can also find us on [Nextdoor](#).

[City Council update](#) (agendas, documents, and video from the most current meeting)

[COVID-19](#) (vaccine locations, current mandates, resources)

[Recreation Guide](#) (current classes, activities, leagues & events for September to December)

[Parks Projects](#) (Kiwanis, Coulon)

Pop-Up Lunch (Sept. 20, 12-1:30 p.m., Sunset Neighborhood Park, 2680 Sunset Lane NE 98056)

[Renton Farmers Market](#) (Piazza Park, Tuesdays 3-7 p.m. Ends Sept. 27)

[Traffic Projects](#) (information on impactful projects)