



Preparedness Corner: Ready, Set, Get Prepared

When it comes to being ready for an emergency most of us have what is called the Scarlett O'Hara Syndrome. In the film classic "Gone with the Wind" Scarlett was forever being presented with situations that she didn't want to face or solve. Her retort was always, "Oh fiddle-dee. I'll think about it tomorrow."

Since we have experienced windstorms, power outages, and live in earthquake country, we need to be as prepared as possible; in the case of a major or regional event, our various emergency services will be overwhelmed and may not be able to help you. Therefore, it is necessary to be as well prepared as possible. This is the first in a number of monthly articles in which we will be sharing tips and resources to help you be better prepared for future emergency events.

The Emergency Preparedness Commission or EPC is a commission formed by the Woodinville City Council and its main duties are two-fold. First, make recommendations to the City Council and City Staff, on issues dealing with emergency preparedness. Second, keep the public informed with regard to preparedness, including water and food provisions, and related items required to be self sufficient during a disaster. The next disaster could be a week or a year away and therefore, it only makes sense to be prepared.

The Emergency Preparedness Commission consists of nine local volunteers; which meets the second and fourth Monday of each month. To get more information regarding emergency preparedness please visit, the City's website at <http://www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/Live/DisasterPreparedness.asp>. If you have questions regarding emergency preparedness, please email your questions to either, justinat@ci.woodinville.wa.us or lindaf@ci.woodinville.wa.us. The Commission Members invite you to accept the Preparedness Challenge. For more information about the Emergency Preparedness Commission please visit the City's website at <http://www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/CityHall/EmergencyPreparednessCommission.asp>.

For other printed emergency preparedness information, please visit City Hall. The Emergency Preparedness Commission meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, at 17301 133rd Ave NE.