

# GET READY GORGE



Hood River County  
Sheriff's Office  
**EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT**

## Fall is on the Way | Stay Safe

**SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH • GET READY!**

**Make a family emergency plan –  
What's on your evacuation list?**

### **EMERGENCY SUPPLIES**

- Build a Go-Kit. Start with your camping or travel box
- Stock up – 3 days to 3 weeks of emergency supplies.
- Use the Go-Kit checklist here: <https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>
- Have a Go-Kit in your car year 'round

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Cellular networks can be a problem in a disaster. Text may be more reliable than calls
- Business point of sale systems are also reliant on cellular - i.e. Square

- Have a backup communication plan that doesn't rely on cell or internet
- Opt-in to Hood River County Citizen Alerts: [www.HoodRiverSheriff.com/events/emergency-alerts](http://www.HoodRiverSheriff.com/events/emergency-alerts)

### **FAMILY EMERGENCY PLANS**

- Think about your family evacuation plans – an out of state contact you all call to check in; safe meeting places; how you would reconnect if separated.
- Practice it – talk through as a family over dinner.

### **WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE**

- During a wildfire, there are three levels of evacuation:
  - Level 1 – READY: Pack & prepare for evacuation.
  - Level 2 – SET: Ready to leave at a moment's notice
  - Level 3 – GO: Evacuate immediately

- Know the risks and respect fire restrictions, such as campfire bans and safe lawn mowing
- Don't hesitate- evacuate. Prepare to go early. Then you'll have more time to help your neighbors.

### **EVACUATION**

- Think about where you'd go, and how you'd get there if roads are full or closed.
- A trailer or motorhome is a great evacuation home base.
- Animals and livestock smell fire long before you do. Act early to get them into a smaller place, where you can more easily load them into trailers or crates later for evacuation.
- Make an evacuation list of the top 5 things you'd take if you had to leave in 5 minutes.