



# GORGE

## 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 of emergency supplies.
  Start with your camping or travel box
- Stock up 3 days to 3 weeks
- Use the Go-Kit checklist here: https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit
- Have a Go-Kit in your car year 'round
- Expect power outages and find alternatives

#### **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
- · Listen to car or battery powered radio

#### **FAMILY EMERGENCY PLANS**

- Opt-in to Hood River County Citizen Alerts: www.HoodRiverSheriff.com/events/ emergency-alerts
- Think about your family 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

#### **EVACUATION RESPONSE**

- Don't hesitate- evacuate. Then you'll have more time to help your neighbors.
- During a emergency, 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

#### **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.





