

PLANNING FOR EVACUATIONS

DEPENDING ON YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES and the nature of the attack or disaster, one of the first important decisions you need to make is whether you stay put where you're at, or get away!! You should be prepared ahead of time for both possibilities. Use your common sense and any available information to determine if there is immediate danger.

IN ANY TYPE OF EMERGENCY, local authorities and emergency workers will be working towards providing information to the public. If possible, try to monitor the television or radio news reports for information and official instructions as they become available. If you are specifically told to evacuate or seek medical attention — **do so immediately!!**

SO YOU WILL BE PREPARED IN THE EVENT YOU NEED TO EVACUATE, PLAN AHEAD how you will assemble your family and anticipate where you will go. Choose several destinations in different directions so you have options in an emergency.

CREATING AN EVACUATION PLAN:

- Plan places where your family will meet, both within and outside of your immediate neighborhood;
- If you have a car, keep a half tank of gas in it at all times in case you need to evacuate;
- Become familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area;
- If you do not have a car, plan how you will leave if you have to;
- Take your emergency supply kit with you unless you have reason to believe it has been contaminated;
- Lock the door behind you; and
- Take your pets with you, but understand that only service animals may be permitted in public shelters. Plan how you will care for your pets in an emergency.

IF YOU ARE EVACUATING, AND IF TIME ALLOWS:

- Call or e-mail the "out-of-state" contact in your family communications plan;
- Tell them where you are going;
- If there is damage to your home and you are instructed to do so, shut off water, gas & electricity before leaving;
- Leave a note telling others when you left and where you are going; and
- Check with neighbors who may need a ride.

IF YOU ARE A PARENT, make sure your school and/or daycare provider have emergency plans.

ASK THEM:

- How they will communicate with families during a crisis;
- Whether they store adequate food, water and other basic supplies; and
- Find out if they are prepared to "shelter-in-place" if need be, and where they plan to go if they must evacuate.

Knowledge and preparation are your best defense and are your responsibility! For more information on EMERGENCY PLANNING, call 503.982.9429, or visit our website at www.cityofhubbard.org.



RECYCLING & WATER CONSERVATION

Although we don't see it, millions of gallons of water go into the products we buy, use & throw away every day. The factories who manufacture everyday materials like paper, plastic, metal and fabric depend on water to make and clean their products. **BECAUSE OF THIS FACT**, thinking about how we use, **AND RE-USE** products is an important step towards water conservation!! In the past ten years or so, manufacturers have increased their efficiency, and have brought down their total water use by approximately 11% — and we consumers can do our part also by recycling instead of throwing away these products! For every piece of paper and plastic container we toss in the trash, we are also sending drops (or gallons) of water down the drain!

RECYCLING = WATER CONSERVATION

For example **3.5 gallons** of water are saved just by recycling a single newspaper. On a side note, according to the EPA, the Container Recycling Institute estimated that the 36 billion aluminum cans land-filled last year had a scrap value of more than **\$600 million** ~ so perhaps someday in the future we may be mining our landfills for the resources we've buried in the past!!

LOOKING FOR OTHER TIPS ON HOW TO CONSERVE WATER? PLEASE GIVE US A CALL AT 503.982.9429

ANOTHER ENERGY-SAVING PROJECT is being considered by the City. This proposed project was suggested by BacGen Technologies as another means of achieving significant energy savings. The project would involve the addition of solar panels, which would ultimately provide 15%-20% of the energy used at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN BY Barendse Park lately, you have most-likely noticed the playground equipment project is on schedule, and has begun!! Weather permitting, this project is estimated to be complete by March 31, 2008!!

*Until next time . . .
Hubbard Public Works*