



Emergency Preparedness Week - May 2-8, 2021

The past year has been a reminder about how important personal preparedness can be and that being prepared and having a plan is critical. During the pandemic, we have all taken the important steps to protect ourselves and our families and continuing to build on the emergency preparedness plans and supplies ready for other potential emergencies is also key to keeping us safe during these times.

Emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility that begins with making a plan and being prepared to look after yourself, your family and your pets for a minimum of one week. Emergency Preparedness Week is a reminder intended to raise awareness and offer information and tips to help prepare businesses, individuals and families for the possibility of an emergency or disaster incident.

Zoom and Learn - Emergency Preparedness Workshops

During Emergency Preparedness Week, EMO emergency preparedness coordinators will offer two more Zoom workshops to help better prepare yourself, your family and your business in the event of an emergency or disaster. These sessions are an hour in length and popular with Parksville-Qualicum Beach residents. More details on our website or social media. Please RSVP to info@emergencyoceanside.ca. We will confirm your space and send Zoom instructions by email.

Monday, May 3 at 10.30 am

Thursday, May 6 at 1.30 pm

Lots more info on preparedness at GetPrepared.ca along with these websites:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/being-prepared.html>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc>

Voyent Alert! – is a multi-purpose communication service which sends alerts to people who call the Oceanside region home. Alerts can be sent over a variety of channels including mobile apps, text/SMS, email or voice dial. Registration is FREE, simple and anonymous. Mobile app users can download the *Voyent Alert!* app from the Apple or Google Play app stores. Email or SMS users may register online to receive email or text-based alerts at <https://register.voyent-alert.com>. Access to sign-up can also be accessed from the City of Parksville and Town of Qualicum Beach websites along with instructions.

EMO E-News – an email newsletter which will includes updates about COVID-19 as well as emergency preparedness info for the Oceanside region. Signup at EmergencyOceanside.ca.

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