

NEWS RELEASE

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Emergency Preparedness Month returns to Nanaimo

Fire prevention. Emergency kits. ShakeOut. Call alerts.

Summary

From fires and earthquakes to storms and potential floods, the City of Nanaimo wants everyone to be prepared. For the second year in a row, the City is dedicating the month of October to raising awareness on emergency preparedness.

Beginning with Fire Prevention Week from October 3-9, in partnership with the National Fire Protection Association, the City will share messages about learning the sounds of fire safety. The week of October 10, residents can get ready for an emergency, such as an earthquake, by preparing an emergency kit, signing up for call alerts and creating an emergency plan. On Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 10:21 a.m., get ready to drop, cover and hold on! The Great ShakeOut BC earthquake drill will take place at 10:21 a.m. Residents can participate by registering at www.shakeoutbc.ca and then listening for the drill on 102.3 FM The Wave or 106.9 FM The Wolf radio stations. Finally, the City of Nanaimo will send out a test alert on the Voyent Alert! system on October 28. Residents who haven't yet signed up to receive emergency alerts can visit www.nanaimo.ca/goto/alerts.

Messaging throughout October will be shared through the City's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram feeds (@cityofnanaimo), through radio and print and online on the City's website at www.nanaimo.ca/goto/emergencymanagement

Strategic Link: Providing effective emergency management communications supports a safer and more livable community.

Key Points

- The City is sharing messages throughout October to help residents and businesses with emergency preparation. Being prepared with at least a week's worth of food and water.
- Fire Prevention Week from October 3-9 will focus on the sounds of fire.
- The Great BC ShakeOut drill will take place on Thursday, October 21 at 10:21 a.m. and will be aired on 102.3 the Wave and 106.9 the Wolf.
- A test of the City's emergency alert system, Voyent Alert! will take place on Thursday, October 28 at 10:15 a.m.

Quotes

"We don't know when a disaster will hit, but there are steps we can take to be ready. You can protect yourself and your family by preparing an emergency kit, developing an escape plan, signing up for the City's Voyent Alert! emergency alert system and knowing how to react in an emergency such as an earthquake (drop, cover and hold on)."

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