

NEWS RELEASE

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October is Emergency Preparedness Month in Nanaimo

Fire prevention. Emergency kits. ShakeOut. Call alerts.

Summary

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

The month begins with a reminder to all residents to prepare an emergency kit. Vancouver Island residents are encouraged to be prepared for up to seven days. Marking its 100th year, Fire Prevention Week takes place from October 9-15 with a theme of "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape". On Thursday, October 20, 2022, get ready to drop, cover and hold on! The Great ShakeOut BC earthquake drill will take place at 10:20 am. 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 25. 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. Island residents should be prepared with at least a week's worth of food and water.
- Fire Prevention Week from Oct. 9 to 15 will focus on the creating an escape plan.
- The Great BC ShakeOut drill will take place on Thurs. Oct. 20, at 10:20 am 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 Thurs. Oct. 25, at 10:25 am.

Quotes

"We encourage you to prepare an emergency kit, participate in the earthquake drill and sign up for the City's Voyent Alert! emergency alert system to stay informed. We also want to stress the importance of having working smoke alarms and creating a detailed escape plan with your family and/or roommates."

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