

NEWS RELEASE

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Emergency Preparedness Week is May 4 to May 10, 2025

Summary

Being prepared is important and something the whole family can do. With Emergency Preparedness Week taking place from May 4 to May 10, the City of Nanaimo is encouraging residents to prepare for an emergency by making a kit, drafting a plan and signing up for the City's Voyent Alert! emergency notification system.

This year's theme, "In it Together," highlights the importance of collective action. While we can't prevent natural disasters, we can reduce their impact by being ready. Emergencies can happen anytime, and being prepared helps protect yourself, your loved ones and your community.

Here are three simple steps everyone can take:

- Know the risks – Although the consequences of disasters can be similar, knowing the risks specific to our community and our region can help you better prepare
- Make a plan – It will help you and your family know what to do
- Get an emergency kit – During an emergency, we will all need some basic supplies. We may need to get by without power or tap water. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours in an emergency

To stay informed during emergencies, residents are also encouraged to sign up for Voyent Alert!, the City's emergency notification system. This free tool will send real-time alerts to your phone or device when it matters most.

For more information about how you can prepare for emergencies and to make a kit, visit www.nanaimo.ca/goto/emergencykit or the Province of BC website www.preparedbc.ca.

Strategic Link: Providing information and resources for residents to be prepared for an emergency supports a livable community.

Key Points

- Emergency Preparedness Week is a national event coordinated by Public Safety Canada. This year's theme is, "In it Together."
- The City of Nanaimo is encouraging residents to make a kit during this week or check kits that have already been prepared.
- Voyent Alert! can send emergency information in a variety of ways. Residents can choose to receive push notifications through the Voyent Alert! smartphone app. Email, text or a phone call are also options should there be a local emergency impacting City of Nanaimo residents. Visit www.nanaimo.ca/goto/alerts to learn more and sign up.

Quotes

"Individual preparedness makes a significant difference in how people respond and recover. By taking action now, we strengthen our collective ability to manage emergencies and protect our community. Take some time to build an emergency kit and make sure to sign up for Voyent Alert!, the City's emergency alert system."

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