

Spring Has Finally Sprung

As the gray skies gradually give way to glimpses of sunshine, spring arrives in Western Washington with its unique blend of beauty and challenges. From the snow-capped peaks of the Cascades to the lush green valleys, our region experiences a mix of weather patterns during this season.

As an emergency management professional, here are essential steps to ensure your safety and resilience:

FLOOD

WARNING

Rain and Flooding

Spring showers can quickly become heavy downpours, leading to localized flooding. Be aware of flood-prone areas near your home.

Landslides

Our hilly terrain is susceptible to landslides, especially after prolonged rain. Stay informed about landslide risks in your neighborhood.

Windstorms

Spring winds can bring down trees and power lines. Trim overhanging branches and secure loose items around your property.



Text "STORM" to 844-962-3985

To sign up and receive up-to-date news and information about tribal government closures and storm warnings via text message alerts, text "STORM" to 844-962-3985.



Emergency Supplies

- Water: Stock up on clean water. Aim for at least one gallon per person per day for three days.
- **Food:** Non-perishable items like canned goods, granola bars, and dried fruits are essential.
- Flashlights and Batteries: Power outages are common during storms. Have reliable flashlights and extra batteries.
- First Aid Rit: Ensure your kit includes bandages, antiseptics, and necessary medications.
- Emergency Contacts: Keep a list of important phone numbers, including local emergency services and family members.

Stay Informed

- Weather Alerts: Sign up for local weather alerts via text or email. The National Weather Service provides timely updates.
- Community Resources: Know where to find emergency shelters, evacuation routes, and community centers.
- Emergency Plans: Discuss evacuation plans with your family. Identify meeting points and communication methods.

Spring Cleaning Safety

- Check Smoke Alarms: Replace and test batteries in smoke detectors.
- Clear Gutters: Prevent water buildup by cleaning gutters and downspouts.
- Inspect Heating Systems: If you use space heaters or fireplaces, ensure they're in good working condition.

Remember, preparedness is a shared responsibility. Reach out to neighbors, participate in community drills, and stay informed. Let's welcome spring with resilience and readiness!

For more information, visit the Washington Emergency Management Division website: https://mil.wa.gov/emergency-management-division/preparedness

Volunteers Wanted

If you are interested in joining our volunteer group, we'd love to have you. Please email emergencymgmt@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov for more information.