

2024 SUMMER ISSUE



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## Heat Safety: Respect the Sun's Power

The sun is a revered element in our culture, but its power can be formidable. Stay hydrated, seek shade during peak hours, and wear protective clothing. Remember, the young and elderly are especially vulnerable to heat, so let's look out for one another.

# Drought and Extreme Heat Notice

WA State Emergency Management Division issued a state-wide drought warning this summer. It is better to be proactive instead of reactive, so by purchasing your fans, AC units and air purifiers before the rush are good ideas. Buying these items before the panic starts lets you stay cool during the summer heat. Remember our responsibilities and unite in our efforts to conserve water. We must all do our part.



#### Wildfire Awareness: Protect Our Sacred Lands

Wildfires have threatened our people for centuries. With global warming, dramatic changes in our weather patterns, and extreme heat during the summer months, it is vital to be extra cautious about fires. Unfortunately, wildfire smoke has become a new norm. Preparations to provide proper air quality within your home are extremely important, especially for our elders and vulnerable populations. Here are some excellent tips to help prepare for wildfire smoke and air quality.

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## **Fireworks Safety**

Prioritizing safety is key before we light up the night sky with fireworks. It's important to have a well-thought-out plan in place. Remember, using fireworks while under the influence of drugs or alcohol can lead to injuries. Let's stay safe, be responsible, and enjoy our celebrations. Lighting fireworks responsibly and safely is what is going to keep our lands protected from wildfires. Don't let something pretty and fun turn into something devastating and ugly.



# Staying Vigilant Against Natural Hazards

Our region is no stranger to the forces of nature. From wildfires to floods, we must remain vigilant. Ensure your family has an emergency plan with evacuation routes and meeting points. Keep an emergency kit with essentials like water, non-perishable food, and first aid supplies.



### Water Safety: Honor Our Waterways

Our waterways are sacred, providing sustenance and a path for our canoes. When enjoying these natural resources, always supervise children, wear life jackets, and be mindful of water conditions. Respect the spirits of the water by being prudent and prepared.



## **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.



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