

Prepare For Severe Weather

Spring is almost here, which means a beautiful Oregon summer is right around the corner. But first we'll have to contend with the potential for severe weather. Plan ahead and protect yourself and your loved ones.



Prepare for flooding

Before heavy rains, help prevent flooding by clearing leaves from gutters and storm drains. Know where [self-serve sand stations](#) are located throughout Washington County. If you need to visit one, call ahead to confirm hours of operation and availability of sand and bags. Obey all road closure signs and avoid driving through standing water.



Prepare for power outages

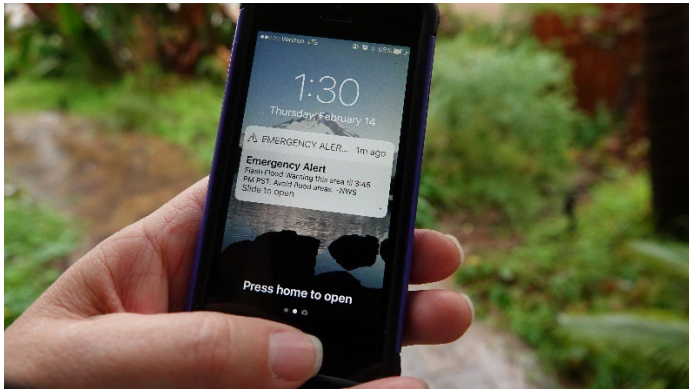
Power outages can have significant impacts on our daily activities. Be sure you are ready if you suddenly lose power:

- Prepare an outage kit that contains flashlights, portable chargers, a hand or battery-powered radio, extra blankets, and emergency food, pet food, water, and first aid supplies.
- Don't open your freezer or fridge unless necessary and don't heat your home with a gas oven or stove.
- Know how to operate electric garage doors manually.
- Create a plan for electric medical devices and refrigerated medicines.



Prepare for lightning

An unpredictable lighting storm can be dangerous. It can be accompanied by intense wind, flash flooding and hail. Stay up to date on lightning warnings in your area. Trim trees and branches to make sure they don't fall on your home. When you see lightning or hear thunder, move indoors immediately. Once the storm has ended, look out for fallen trees and power lines.



Stay informed

During an emergency, officials need to be able to deliver quick, accurate information. Visit tvwd.org/Portal to update your contact information in case TVWD needs to notify you in an emergency. You can also follow TVWD at flashalert.net and find other local agencies' notification platforms at oralert.gov.



Do you have your emergency supply of water and food, and have taken other steps to prepare for emergencies?

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