



# Ready in Renton

Connecting You to What You Need in an Emergency

## GET READY

### Make a Plan

- Know how to safely evacuate your home and neighborhood if needed
- Establish an out-of-area contact to serve as a message board for family members
- Find out how you will get information in an emergency



### Build a Kit

- Three days of non-perishable food
- One gallon of water per person per day.
- Flashlight, whistle, first aid kit, medications and a battery operated radio. For additional recommended items see [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov)



### Get Involved, Volunteer!

- Train in advance to join a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Become an amateur radio operator with the Renton Emergency Communication Service
- Sign up for a Renton Emergency Preparedness Academy (REPA) class.



## GET CONNECTED

Everyone needs the ability to communicate during a disaster. Whether receiving vital information and safety instructions or trying to reconnect with loved ones, being informed before, during and after an emergency is important to everyone.

### CodeRED Emergency Notification System

**CODE RED** SIGN UP NOW!  
Emergency Communication Made Easy.

To warn you of dangerous conditions or provide you with important safety instructions, the City of Renton has the ability to call your telephone using the CodeRED emergency notification system. Sign up to be sure your phone is included in this emergency call list! Just go to [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov). You can also register your Renton-based business, cellular phone or TDD/TTY phone. Get connected today!

### Renton's New Email Alert System

**Renton E-ALERT** SIGN UP NOW!

E-alert is a free email and digital subscription service that allows the public to subscribe to topics of interest and receive instant, automated email notifications or text messages. Renton residents can sign up at [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov) to receive updates on topics of interest such as emergency alerts, news releases, recreation programs, neighborhood news, transportation and construction updates and other timely information.

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## Critical Emergency Information Page on [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov)

Visit the city's Critical Emergency Information page at [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov) to locate the latest important emergency information. You can sign up to receive update notifications via email.

## Emergency Alert System (EAS)

You have probably heard the distinct tones of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) interrupt your radio or TV program. Usually it is a test. But listen carefully. If it were to be used in a real event, it could save your life. You can have EAS warnings automatically sent to you by text message, pager, or email by signing up for free at [www.emergencyemail.org](http://www.emergencyemail.org).

## NOAA Weather Radio

The NOAA weather radio is a valuable piece of equipment that can warn your household of an impending emergency, whether it is a weather related emergency or another kind of crisis that has resulted in an Emergency Alert System activation. Before you add a NOAA radio to your emergency supplies kit, be sure it has a backup power system and carries the Public Alert logo. Check that it also has "S.A.M.E." "Specific Area Message Encoding" programming capability. This allows you to receive only the messages specific to your area. Some NOAA weather radios can issue an alert for the hearing impaired. NOAA Weather Radios can be found at local stores and online.

## CERT

### Community Emergency Response Team

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program offers education about disaster preparedness for emergencies and other hazards and provides training in basic disaster response skills. Once trained, CERT members have the skills to assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members are also encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.



CERT members participate in a search and rescue drill

### What is the training like?

CERT training includes both classroom and "hands-on" training in the areas of home preparedness, fire suppression, first aid, search and rescue, hazard awareness and disaster psychology. At the end of CERT training, a disaster simulation is held to allow participants to practice their skills in a realistic setting. After completing the training, CERT members are matched up with other members in their neighborhood to form a CERT team.

## REPA

### Renton Emergency Preparedness Academy

One sure way to get yourself and your family ready to survive an emergency, weather a storm or be able to help your community in a disaster is by enrolling in one of the many exciting and valuable classes offered through the Renton Emergency Preparedness Academy (REPA).

The goal of the academy is to help people be better prepared and equipped to face any type of emergency. A wide array of ever-changing courses is offered several times each year.

Some of those you won't want to miss include: **Amateur (HAM) Radio Technician Licensing, Police Citizen's Academy, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Flood Preparedness and Safety.**

Classes are conveniently offered on the campus of the Renton Technical College as well as at the Renton Community Center and other locations. All classes are taught by qualified professionals and most are free of charge. Be sure to check out the entire list of classes in the current issue of the city's What's Happening publication.

Don't miss an opportunity to learn how you and those you care about can be better prepared for an emergency. Go to [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov) to get connected to the current list of classes.

For more information contact the City of Renton Office of Emergency Management at 425-430-7000.