

Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Coalition



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What to Make This Fall

Personal experience of George Montgomery " We had a fire at my house, and we all got out safely, including the pets. But we couldn't stay there, and there was a lot of confusion about where to take our pets."



Make an Emergency Kit for Your Pet

Your pets depend on you. And of course you know that you should always be prepared with a 72-hour food and water supply for them. But there are some other items that can be helpful – some for a special emergency kit for your pet, and others that you can add to your own emergency kit.

*** Always bring pets indoors at the first sign of a storm or disaster. Pets can become disoriented and wander away from home in a crisis.

*** Know which friends or relatives or vet's office could take in your pet in an emergency – have their phone numbers handy.

Possible items for your pet's emergency kit:

- 72 hour food & water supply, including bowls and a can opener
- Leash, muzzle, harness, with current license, identification & rabies tag
- Litter pan, litter, plastic bags, scooper, disinfectant & cleanser to handle waste properly
- Pet carrier to allow for easy transport
- Medical records, vet's name & phone number, plus medications and a pet first aid kit
- Blankets, towels & favorite toys; brushes & combs

Possible items to add to your own emergency kit if you have a pet:

- A list of hotels/motels that allow pets
- A photo of each pet, labeled with its name, brief description, and its microchip number.
- A list of pet boarding facilities, and a printout of your pet's feeding schedule and any medical or behavioral issues.

Get a Pet Rescue Alert Sticker

Your local ASPCA & pet stores have Rescue Alert stickers to let people know that pets are inside your home. Make sure your Rescue Alert is visible to rescue workers - place it on your front door.

More info about Emergency Preparedness at www.PEP-C.org

What to Buy This Fall

Emergency Battery Charger

We are all so dependent on our electronic devices – our cell phones, Kindles & Nooks, iPads and iPods. Consider purchasing one or more emergency battery chargers this fall. These can power your cell phone, laptop, e-book reader, or music player if the power is out. There are many different types. Choose one that works for the devices important to you.



Some battery chargers are powered by a hand-crank and include a flashlight - these are available for a price range of \$10 - \$30. For example, the American Red Cross Clipray, shown at the left, is a crank-powered, clip-on flashlight & smartphone charger offered for \$14.99.

PEP-C on Social Media

PEP-C now will be posting information about our meetings and events on its Facebook and Twitter sites. Check us out at



PEP-C on Facebook (Search for PEP-C, or use this link fb.me/PEPCGigHarbor)



PEP-C on Twitter (Search for PEP-C GigHarbor)

Also – to get trusted information on your computer or right on your phone, sign up for Pierce County Alert at <http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/ALERT> call (253) 798-6595.

What to Do This Fall

What	When	Where
PEP-C Monthly Meeting	10:00 AM, Wed, Sep 14	FD #5 HQ Building 10222 Bujacich Rd NW
PEP-C at the Key Peninsula Fire Department Open House	8:00am-11:00 am Sat, Oct 1	
Pierce County Community Training Training for personal emergency preparedness & for volunteers to help with emergency incidents. http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/index.aspx?nid=3025	Various	Various
PEP-C Monthly Meeting	10:00 AM, Wed, Oct 12	FD #5 HQ Building 10222 Bujacich Rd NW
PEP-C Monthly Meeting	10:00 AM, Wed, Nov 9	FD #5 HQ Building 10222 Bujacich Rd NW

** PEP-C meetings are open to everyone. We meet at 10 a.m. the 2nd Wednesday of every month except August. Meeting location is: FD #5 HQ Building - 10222 Bujacich Road N.W. Gig Harbor, WA 98332*

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