



# Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Coalition

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## PEP-C Quarterly Newsletter – Summer 2016

### What to Do This Summer

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
<b>Volunteer Reception Center:</b> Learn how to help in a Volunteer Reception Center to coordinate spontaneous volunteers after a disaster. <a href="http://piercecounty.surveymshare.com/s/AYAMFTA">http://piercecounty.surveymshare.com/s/AYAMFTA</a>	5:30 – 9:00 PM, Thu Jul 7	2501 S. 35th St. Ste. D, Tacoma
<b>PEP-C Monthly Meeting*</b>	10:00 AM, Wed, Jul 13	FD #5 HQ Building
<b>National Night Out</b>	12:00 – 8:00 Aug 2	Gig Harbor Civic Center
<b>FICRA Fair</b>	11:00 – 6:00 Aug	Nichols Community Center, Fox Island
<b>PEP-C Monthly Meeting*</b>	No meeting in August	
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\* 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

#### Future events to be aware of

One-day training and certification for first responders & community members: IS-100/700/200 Combination Class - 8:00AM - 4:30PM, 2501 S 35th St, Ste D, Tacoma – find this and other class options at <http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/?nid=2987>

### What to Buy This Summer

#### Emergency Water Barrels

PEP-C sells used, food grade poly barrels for emergency water storage to local residents in the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula areas. These have a multitude of uses besides emergency water supply storage. Use them as rain barrels or store dry goods in them, or use them as your family's 72-hour emergency kit container. Price: \$35.00. Local delivery is available. For info, contact Don Lee (253-851-3567) or Dave Watson (253-857-7048) Or email: [prepare@pep-c.org](mailto:prepare@pep-c.org)

More info about Emergency Preparedness at [www.PEP-C.org](http://www.PEP-C.org)

# What to Make This Summer

*Personal experience of John Francis: " There was an electric outage and without power, our well didn't work and we had no water for our toilets. We went outside in the yard, but it was very cold and there was no privacy!"*



## How to Make an Emergency Toilet

Be prepared – gather up these inexpensive supplies to make an emergency toilet whenever you need one.

### Supplies:

- 5 gallon plastic or metal bucket
- Heavy-duty garbage bags
- Kitty litter
- Grocery store plastic bags (optional)
- Pool noodle (slit lengthwise) or pipe insulation or toilet seat

### Directions:

1. Fit a 13-gallon trash bag into your bucket. Fold the bag over the rim and cinch it tight around the outside of the top rim.
2. Optionally, fit smaller grocery store bag into bucket & fold over rim
3. Place slit pool noodle or pre-slit pipe insulation or toilet seat over bucket rim.
4. Keep kitty litter nearby in another waterproof canister to scoop on top after each use.
5. After the small bag is used, seal it & drop it into the heavy-duty bag in the can. When the heavy-duty bag is full, remove & seal it; then bury in an area away from any water source.

### Tips

- *Keep bad smells away by burning a smudge stick – bundle together small amounts of any dried evergreens or herbs you can find in your kitchen or garden – cedar, juniper, pine, thyme, lavender, yarrow, rosemary, or catnip. Light one end of a small dried bundle and let it smoke, gently blowing on the end to create a nice smoky smolder to cleanse the air. Place the smoky bundle in a fireproof tray and stay with it until it is completely out.*
- *Make it fun – have kids pretend that they are kittens using a litter box, or have them pretend to be camping. And have your family try sitting on the emergency toilet – it's easier to practice balancing when you don't really need it!*
- *For extra comfort and neatness you may want to use an emergency toilet seat– sized to fit a bucket. These are available at most camping stores and on-line from Amazon. Plastic 5 gallon buckets can be purchased from Ace Hardware and Home Depot.*

## Disaster Alerts



[Pierce County ALERT](#) is a free service that allows you to sign up and receive notifications about emergencies that may affect the locations you care about. This service allows fire departments, police and other agencies dealing with emergency response to send out accurate and up-to-date information that they feel residents should be informed about.

Receive alerts on up to 10 different devices such as your cell phone, home phone, email, text messages and more. Choose up to five locations you want to be notified about such as your residence, workplace, children's school and more.

Sign up at <http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/ALERT> or call (253) 798-6595.

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