

Hello Woodtique Residents,

I wanted to share the following information with you.

On Saturday, JAN 26th I went to the meeting held by the Eugene & Springfield Emergency Managers and CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Team).

What you need to know:

1. If a major disaster event were to happen tomorrow the cities are not ready. A lot of work has been done but there is so much more yet to do.
2. Only 2 bridges are considered up to code and all the rest will not make it.

What does this mean for you?

1. Without enough bridges that means different sections of the cities will become an island.
2. Without enough bridges emergency responders and critical supplies cannot reach you.
3. Without enough bridges you will be on your own.

Do you have enough emergency supplies to last 2 weeks or longer? Consider this:

1. It will take 1-3 months to have your electric service back again.
2. It will take 1 month to 1 year to have your water and sewer services again.
3. Police and Fire will take 2-4 months.
4. Healthcare facilities will not be available for up to 18 months.
5. Highways will take up to 6-9 months for repair.

EWEB has sent out an email to all their customers recently with emergency preparedness information. If you sign up for this FREE program you will receive information once/month throughout this year only. Each month you would work on emergency preparedness, a little at a time. Each month if you email them a picture showing the steps you are taking to prepare you will be entered into a drawing to win free emergency supplies such as fire extinguishers, 3 gallon water containers, 1 week food supply bucket, etc. They draw 3 winners each month. This is a fun and easy way to get prepared. By the end of the year you will have everything you need.

By the way you can purchase a lot of the supplies you need at the Dollar store and Wheeler Dealer in Eugene. You can prepare on a budget, I do :)

My name is Lita and I am a CERT member. Each month I will send more emergency preparedness information. I want to help you get prepared by providing as much information as I can so that in case of emergency, we at Woodtique will at least be prepared to take care of ourselves and our Woodtique neighbors.

Till FEB 25th, thank you and take care,
Lita