



Emergency Preparedness Week - May 1-7

The past year, along with the ongoing pandemic, presented us with a heat dome, drought, forest fires, heavy rain, and devastating floods at a level not seen before. Our world is changing, and we need to be ready for anything. The theme for 2022 Emergency Preparedness Week is “Be Ready for Anything”. We encourage everyone to consider their family and work situation preparing for anything which could change or disrupt your normal day. Why would we put this responsibility on you? Only you know what you need to help you and your family get through the stress and trauma of an emergency or disaster.

For all of us to get through an emergency or disaster and return to normal faster, there are three groups needing to work together and ensure their preparedness. To be ready for anything, you and your family need to be prepared with a plan and supplies to help you through the emergency. Local government must have a plan on how to provide support to residents, deal with the emergency and recover while providing as much regular day-to-day service as possible. The province must also have a plan on how it will support local governments with people and supplies when needed. When all three of these groups have a practiced plan, *we will all be ready for anything.*

Emergency Management Oceanside is continuously working to improve plans to support Oceanside residents and businesses for any emergency or disaster. EMO is now working with the City of Parksville and Town of Qualicum Beach to improve business continuity plans to ensure Oceanside residents will have reliable, essential service in an emergency. We purchased new technology through a provincial grant to make our Emergency Support Services program more efficient; providing displaced residents the help they need faster. We are reviewing and renewing all our emergency hazard plans to ensure they reflect current regional hazards and their impacts.

The province is working to improve their readiness, EMO is doing the same. We urge you to work with us to *be ready for anything.*

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