



Winter Weather Outreach

www.piercecountywa.org/prepare

2012- 2013

Winter Weather community events:

- **October 6**
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fife Harvest Festival Flood Outreach
Fife Junior High School
2901 54th Ave E.
Fife, WA
- **October 13**
Noon - 4 p.m.
Pierce County Emergency Operations Center Open House
2501 South 35th Street
Tacoma, WA
- **October 13**
10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Emergency Preparedness for all Emergencies
South Hill Mall
Puyallup, WA
- **October 27**
10 a.m. - 4p.m.
Orting Emergency Preparedness & Resource Fair
Orting High School
320 Washington Ave. N.
Orting, WA
- **October 27**
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
West Pierce Fire & Rescue Fall Safety Day
5000 Steilacoom Blvd.
SW, Station 21
Lakewood, WA
- **November 3**
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
ESL Safety Fair
Ft. Steilacoom Pierce College Campus Health Education Center
9401 Farwest Drive SW.
Lakewood, WA



Learn what to do to make it through winter

Getting through winter means being ready to handle storms like the snow, ice and wind storm of January of 2012. It means having supplies in your vehicle if stranded or in your home if not able to get out for supplies. Learn what to do to make it through by attending one of the listed community events (see side panel).

Local fire and law enforcement departments, Pierce County Department of Emergency Management, Search and Rescue, and several other agencies will have booths set up at the events with winter preparedness information. The Army Corps of Engineers will be at Fife, EOC open house and Orting events to educate citizens on the proper techniques of sand bagging, along with various emergency preparedness resources. Of course, Pierce County Public Educators will be on hand to provide information and discussion on emergency preparedness, with a special focus on winter readiness!

Department of Emergency Management is hosting an open house on Oct 13, Noon to 4 p.m., please join us to not only learn how to be prepared for the winter, but see the awesome equipment, tools and personal Pierce County and it's partners have assembled!



Pierce County is partnering with Les Schwab to educate county residents on car winter readiness. Visit a local Les Schwab during the first week in November and enter to win an emergency road kit and pledge to prepare for winter driving.

Winter Weather Outlook: Weak El Niño system

What are the professionals predicting for winter 2012 - 2013?

"The National Weather service is predicting a weak El Nino system through December of 2012. Most of the dynamical models, along with roughly one-half of the statistical models, now predict the onset of El Niño beginning in August-October 2012, persisting through the remainder of the year. The consensus of the models indicates a borderline moderate strength..., while the statistical model consensus indicates a borderline weak El Niño. Supported by the model forecasts and the continued warmth across the Pacific Ocean, the official forecast calls for the development of most likely a weak El Niño during September 2012, persisting through December-February 2012-13."

Climate Prediction enter, 9/28/12, http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/enso_advisory/.

"El Nino years in the Pacific Northwest are typically marked by warmer temperatures and below normal rainfall with little - if any - lowland snowfall. It's these winters where mountain snowpack typically suffers as we're drier to begin with, but what precipitation does fall usually comes with a higher snow level."

Scott Sistik, 2012/6/11, [NOAA gives increasing odds of El Nino conditions this winter](http://www.komonews.com/weather/blogs/scott?archive=y&type=archive&year=2012&month=6&wss=340439), KOMO News, 9/28/12, <http://www.komonews.com/weather/blogs/scott?archive=y&type=archive&year=2012&month=6&wss=340439>



PLEDGE TO PREPARE FOR WINTER DRIVING

This is a chance for you to learn about:

WINTER TIRES

(Types, snow wheels, snow tires vs. all season tires)

TIRE CHAINS

(Types, installation)

CAR BATTERY

(Which one is right for your vehicle, maintenance)

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5TH - 10TH

Les Schwab is always available to assist you. This week has special emphasis for you to get your car ready for winter... CHAIN UP!

Enter to Win an Emergency Road Kit!

Do you have an emergency kit for your car? Enter to win a kit at your local Les Schwab Tire Center during **Pledge to Prepare for Winter Driving Week**. Take a coupon and drop it off when you visit your Pierce County Les Schwab to learn about tires, chains and batteries for your winter safety.



ENTER TO WIN AN EMERGENCY ROAD KIT

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

I pledge to prepare for winter driving

Bring this coupon to any Pierce County Les Schwab Tire Center for a FREE ice scraper.

During this **Pledge to Prepare for Winter Driving Week** Pierce County Public Educators will assist you with emergency preparedness information for car and home.

www.piercecountywa.org/prepare • Phone: 253-798-2209

Training Available to Citizens

October 9, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. **Citizen Corps Council** 2501 South 35th Street, EOC, Tacoma, WA
Contact Barbara Nelson 253-798-2168 if interested in Citizen Corp

October 14, 8a.m. - 4p.m. — **CPR Sunday sponsored by Tacoma Fire Department with Pierce County DEM support.**
Henry Foss High School—2112 S. Tyler St., Tacoma, WA

Sign up for **CPR Sunday**, a **FREE** class open to the public. Upon successful completion of the course, you will receive a certification card for "Adult, Child, and Infant CPR with Defibrillator Practice." There will be a total of four sessions offered throughout the day which are each two hours long in duration. You have the option to sign up for one of the following sessions: 8a.m.; 10a.m.; 12p.m.; or 2p.m. Sign up online at www.CPRSunday.net or by calling 253.594.7979. There will be a session for hearing impaired...check out the website!

October 16 - November 3, **West Pierce Fire and Rescue CERT**,
Contact Rachel for registration information Rachel.Adler@westpierce.org

October 17, 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. **Free homeowners workshops focus on storm water systems**
contact Rosie Strom at 253.798.2485 Gig Harbor Library, 4424 Point Fosdick Dr. NW Gig Harbor, WA

October 18, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **PCART Pierce County Animal Response Team.**
2501 South 35th Street, EOC, Tacoma, WA

October 25, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. **Free homeowners workshops focus on storm water systems**
contact Rosie Strom at 253.798.2485 Sumner Library, 115 Fryar Ave. Sumner, WA

Hospital Safety Fairs Supported by Emergency Management

- October 8, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. **St. Anthony Hospital Safety Fair**
11567 Canterwood Blvd. NW, Gig Harbor, WA
- October 11, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. **St. Claire Hospital Safety Fair.**
11315 Bridgeport Way S.W. Lakewood, WA
- October 12, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30p.m. **St. Joseph Hospital Safety Fair**
1717 South J St. Tacoma. WA



Pierce County Parks and Recreation events we support!



Stick around after the race and participate in our free Trunk'er Treat event in the Central Meadows of Chambers Creek Regional and is free to youth. Vendors will be handing out candy and offering Halloween activities.

Call 253-798-4753 for event information.

October 21, 1p.m., after the race!



Nov. 24, 2011 - Jan. 1, 2012

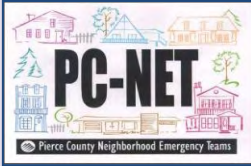
5:30 - 9:00 p.m. at

Spanaway Park

For information call 253.798.3330

www.piercecountywa.org/parks

Resources for Emergency Preparedness



Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams (PC-NET) is a neighborhood-oriented approach to emergency preparedness and homeland security. It is based on the belief that a cooperative effort between a county and its citizens is the only sure way to protect a neighborhood and to prepare for a major disaster. Contact one of our PC-NET public educators if you would like to start a PC-NET team or for additional information.



EARTHQUAKE APP

Be ready for an earthquake with Earthquake by American Red Cross. Get notified when an earthquake occurs, prepare your family and home, find help and let others know you are safe even if the power is out – a must have for anyone who lives in an earthquake-prone area or has loved ones who do.



From your mobile phone, call "***REDCROSS" (**73327677) and Red Cross will send you a link to download the app to your phone.



On shakeout.org/Washington/resources/drill manuals and other planning documents are



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TAKE WINTER BY STORM

TakeWinterByStorm.org

Cities and counties from all over the Western Washington Region, including Pierce County are participating in the "Take Winter by Storm" campaign to urge residents to become prepared ahead of time for the upcoming winter season. Various region-wide community and media events will be occurring from October 2012-March 2013. Please visit www.takewinterbystorm.org to view winter weather preparedness tips, resources for Western Washington residents, and for additional information on the "Take Winter by Storm" campaign

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