



Renton City News

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Don't Let Winter Catch You Unprepared

Emergency Management offers these reminders to get your family, home and car ready

As the cooler days of fall and winter approach, consider the potential for winter hazards and be prepared. Even though the National Weather Service has predicted a weak La Niña winter, don't let the word 'weak' fool you. We could still see significant storms or flood events in the Puget Sound area. It is important to get ready for winter weather now. Here are some tips.



PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS

- Talk about an emergency plan with your family. How will you communicate in an emergency? Do you have alternate routes home?
- Dress in layers. Several thin layers are better than one thick layer.
- Wear appropriate and warm footwear. Waterproof boots with non-skid soles are best.

- Write down emergency contact information and keep it in your wallet or purse. If your phone dies, will you remember important numbers?
- Store extra food and water for your pet and identify pet-friendly hotels or places to stay in case you have to leave your home.
- Sign up for flood alerts at www.kingcounty.gov/flood or 206-477-4899.

AT HOME

- Assemble an emergency kit. Include food, water, medical supplies, flashlights, and warm clothes to last for up to two weeks.
- Unblock rain gutters, repair cracks and leaks, and clear debris that are in danger of falling on your house or vehicle.

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Holiday Assistance is a Phone Call Away

We all need some help around the holidays. If you find yourself in that situation, there are resources in the community that can help you and your family. If you want to help others, there are several ways to do that.



Renton's Human Services Division coordinates with other city departments

and local charitable organizations and church groups to deliver services to low and moderate income households.

HOMELESS

Homeless services in King County can be reached

by calling 2-1-1. In Renton, the Center of Hope (COH) is available to single women

and mothers with children. The day center is located at City Hall and open weekdays, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Case management, laundry, showers, and food is available. The overnight shelter is at local churches. You can help the families at the COH during the holidays; volunteers are also needed Friday through Sunday for the dinner served at Daystar Church. For more information: 425-277-7594.

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◀ Polar Bear Plunge January 1, Coulon Park

Pre-Winter Checklist

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- Winterize with sound insulation, weather-stripping frames, storm windows and caulking.
- Insulate pipes or turn faucets on to a slow drip to prevent freezing.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and test them monthly. Replace batteries annually.
- Do not use portable generators, charcoal grills, or camp stoves inside. Improper use can lead to fatal carbon monoxide poisoning.

ON THE ROAD

- Check that your car is in good condition, including the battery, anti-freeze, tires and wiper fluid and blades.
- Keep seasonal emergency supplies in the car along with your regular emergency kit, including sand or kitty litter, an ice scraper, tire chains, winter boots and a small shovel.
- Avoid driving during heavy snowfall or storms when possible.
- Never drive through a flood. A few inches of moving water can sweep away your vehicle.
- Make sure your fuel tank is at least half full.
- Don't leave your car running unattended, even for a brief period of time.

Visit www.takewinterbystorm.org or contact Renton Emergency Management at 425-430-7041 or em@rentonwa.gov for more winter preparedness information.

Secure Your Property Prior to a Flood

Floods are highly unpredictable and one of the most common hazards in the United States. The National Weather Service notes that 75 percent of all presidential disaster declarations are directly related to flooding. Floods are brought on by severe weather conditions, such as heavy rainfall from storms and the melting of snow and ice. Although they cannot be controlled, prevented or predicted, there are steps you can take to prepare your property.

ALERTS The King County Flood Warning System continuously monitors the weather forecasts and river conditions. They notify the City of Renton Emergency Department when the nearby rivers reach flood stage. Individuals can receive emergency alerts, including potential hazards, threats or evacuation notices, by registering for Alert King County at bit.ly/AlertsKC. To receive on-going river-level conditions, download the King County Flood Warning app.

FLOOD PLAINS To find out if your property is in a flood-prone area, obtain a Flood Insurance Rate Map or copies of current Flood Elevation Certificates call 425-430-7392.

INSURANCE National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) offers homeowners flood insurance, as most homeowner's or renter's insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. NFIP's average flood insurance policy is about \$300 a year (\$25 month) for approximately \$100,000 in coverages.

Premiums can be lowered by asking NFIP about a 25% policy discount, part of a partnership the city has with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

To report your property's condition or obtain assistance, contact the City of Renton Maintenance Services Division at 425-430-7400.

Emergency services are provided around the clock for the reporting of flooding, hazardous road conditions, downed or damaged traffic signs, no water, sewer overflow or water main breaks. For emergencies occurring after 3:30 p.m., weekdays or on the weekends, that need immediate attention, please call 9-1-1.

For more information on flood preparation or flood insurance, visit rentonwa.gov/emergencies.





Renton Youth Symphony Orchestra



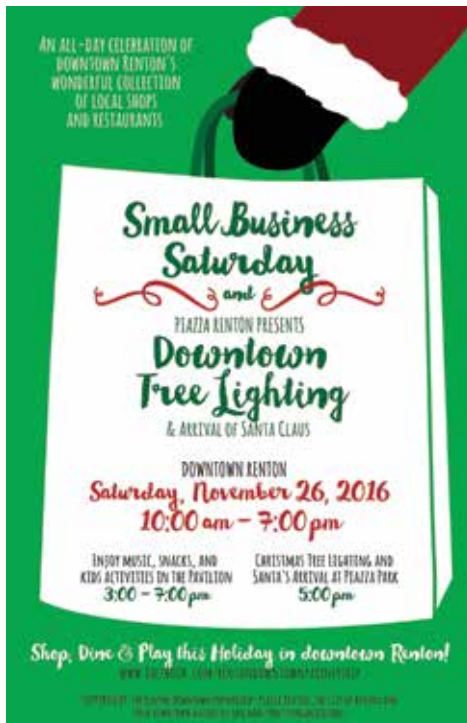
Ivar's Clam Lights, Coulon Park

Nov. 26 is Small Business Saturday

Make plans to be downtown on Saturday, November 26, as we celebrate Small Business Saturday and the tree lighting ceremony at Piazza Park. Downtown businesses will have special deals, coupons or other discounts. Additionally, anyone making a purchase will be entered into a raffle.

The Renton Pavilion Event Center and Piazza Park will host activities from 3–7 p.m. The Lindbergh High School Jazz & Vocal Ensembles will perform Christmas music and there will be free cookies, cocoa, hot apple cider, and popcorn provided by local non-profit organizations. At 5 p.m. the tree lighting will take place. Santa will arrive and be available for pictures.

Small Business Saturday is sponsored by the Renton Downtown Partnership, Piazza Renton, and the City of Renton.



Holiday Help

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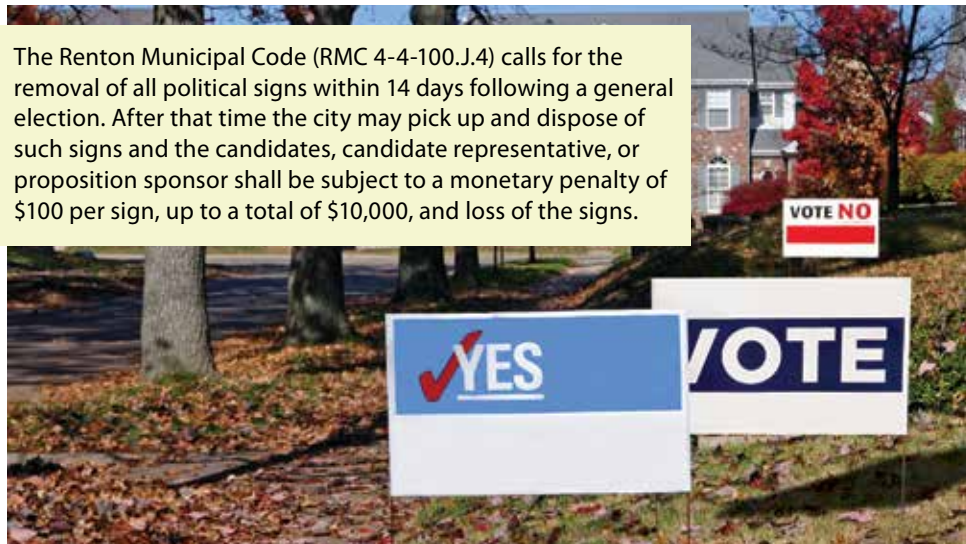
HOUSING REPAIR The city provides free minor health and safety repairs to owner-occupied homes within the city limits where the household income is less than the maximum annual limits. For information: 425-430-6600.

UTILITY BILLING ASSISTANCE Renton offers reduced rates for water, wastewater, surface water and garbage for low-income senior citizens (61 and over) and low-income disabled residents. Contact Utility Billing Customer Service at 425-430-6852.

FOOD The Emergency Feeding Program distributes emergency meals to over 240 partners, feeding over 60,000 people each year. If you need their help or would like to make a donation, contact them at 206-329-0300.

WHAT TO DO WITH THOSE LEFTOVER POLITICAL SIGNS

The Renton Municipal Code (RMC 4-4-100.J.4) calls for the removal of all political signs within 14 days following a general election. After that time the city may pick up and dispose of such signs and the candidates, candidate representative, or proposition sponsor shall be subject to a monetary penalty of \$100 per sign, up to a total of \$10,000, and loss of the signs.



GIVING TREES

Giving Trees will be on display at Renton City Hall (1055 S. Grady Way) and the Renton Community Center (1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy) starting November 18. The trees have tags containing gift requests from low-income families in the area. Call 425-430-6694 for details.

THANKSGIVING MEAL Luther's Table (419 S. Second Street, #1) will host a Thanksgiving Dinner for anyone in the community on November 24, from 1–3 p.m. No reservations needed.



K9 Candy Cane 5K Fun Run & Walk will benefit the Seattle Humane Society when participants bring a can or bag of pet food. Register at signmeup.com/111948

Out in the Community

“Time Machine” Exhibit **NOVEMBER 9, 5:30 – 7 P.M.**

Renton Historical Museum
235 Mill Ave S

A collection of Renton visual artworks that explores perception of time. Exhibit open through March 25, 2017. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Veterans Day **NOVEMBER 11**

City of Renton offices closed.

Legacy of Custer-Lewis **NOVEMBER 17, 6 – 7:30 P.M.**

Renton Historical Museum
235 Mill Ave S

See artifacts of early Renton pioneers and learn why they are important to Renton history. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Joy of Giving Trees **NOVEMBER 18**

Renton City Hall, 1055 S Grady Way & Renton Community Center, 1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy

Giving trees on display with angel gift tags to benefit low-income families in Renton. Details: 425-430-6694

Hassle Free Holiday Bazaar **NOVEMBER 18 – 19**

Renton Community Center
1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy

Over 100 vendors. Food, refreshments and ATM available. Admission is free! Hours on Friday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday, 9 – 5 p.m. Details: 425-430-6700 or rentonwa.gov/holidaybazaar

Thanksgiving **NOVEMBER 24 & 25**

City of Renton offices closed.

Downtown Tree Lighting **NOVEMBER 26, 10 A.M. – 7 P.M.**

Downtown Renton. Shop, dine, and play this holiday in downtown starting with Small Business Saturday at 10 a.m. Enjoy music, snacks and kid activities in the Renton Pavilion Event Center, 3 – 7 p.m. Tree lighting and Santa arrives at Piazza Park at 5 p.m.

Ivar’s Clam Lights Opening Night **DECEMBER 2, 6:15 – 8 P.M.**

Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park
1201 Lake Washington Blvd N

Holiday entertainment at 6:15 p.m., lighting at 7 p.m., Rainier Yacht Club “Parade of Boats” at 7:30 p.m., and Argosy Christmas Ship at 8 p.m. Light display through January 1, 5 – 9 p.m.

K9 Candy Cane 5K Fun Run & Walk **DECEMBER 4, 9:15 A.M.**

Renton Community Center
1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy

Competitive runners, fun runners, walkers and families with or without dogs are welcome. Register: signmeup.com/111948

Renton City Concert Band **DECEMBER 11, 2 P.M.**

Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center
400 S 2nd St

Enjoy the sounds of the holiday season with this 65-member band. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors.

Renton Youth Symphony Orchestra

DECEMBER 18, 3 P.M.

Carco Theatre
1717 SE Maple Valley Hwy

Performances by the Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Debut Orchestra. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors, and \$5 for children.

Christmas **DECEMBER 26 & 27**

City of Renton offices closed.

Polar Bear Plunge **JANUARY 1, 11 A.M.**

Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park
1201 Lake Washington Blvd N

Start your New Year with an exhilarating dip into the icy waters of Lake Washington! No registration required. Details: rentonwa.gov

New Years **JANUARY 2**

City of Renton offices closed.

City Contacts

General Information	425-430-6400
Mayor	425-430-6500
City Council	425-430-6501
Chief Admin. Officer	425-430-6500
Administrative Svcs	425-430-6868
City Attorney	425-430-6480
City Clerk	425-430-6510
Code Enforcement	425-430-7373
Community & Economic Development	425-430-6575
Community Services	425-430-6600
Emergency Mgmt	425-430-7041
Graffiti Reporting	425-430-7373
Human Resources & Risk Management	425-430-7650
Municipal Court Judge . . .	425-430-6550
Police	425-430-7500 or epolice.rentonwa.gov
Public Works	425-430-7394
Reg. Fire Authority	425-430-7000
Street/Water/Sewer Maintenance	425-430-7400
Utility Billing	425-430-6852

EMERGENCY 911
Non-Emergency # 425-235-2121



The City of Renton provides reasonable accommodation upon request.

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