

City promotes emergency preparedness

The City of Edmonton has an important reminder for Edmontonians. Be personally prepared for any emergency or disaster that could strike our city.

"Emergency responders are ready for any major incident," said Joanne Sheardown, director of the City of Edmonton's Office of Emergency Management. "Edmontonians need to be ready too. They need to have enough water, food and supplies to survive a minimum of three days as crews respond to critical situations."



Each spring the City of Edmonton hosts a one-day event that helps individuals learn how to prepare for an emergency such as a severe storm, fire, or downed power line. [Get Ready in the Park](#) takes place on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at Hawrelak Park as part of National Emergency Preparedness Week, May 4 - 10, 2014.

Get Ready in the Park brings together representatives from the city's emergency response community who are on site to meet with people who want to learn how to prepare for major incidents. This year there will be a special focus on flood preparedness. More than 35 exhibitors from municipal, provincial, federal, corporate and nonprofit organizations are taking part.

Get Ready in the Park features state-of-the-art emergency equipment and technology with many hands-on activities for families.

"This event showcases the work of emergency responders who train year round," said Mayor Don Iveson in proclaiming Emergency Preparedness Week. "I encourage Edmontonians to take advantage of this opportunity to learn what they can do to personally prepare for a major emergency. If everyone plays a role, it will make a difference in the City's overall response and recovery."

The City of Edmonton has just released the second edition of the Emergency Guide. It provides practical advice and resources on preparing for emergencies, including how to make your own emergency kit. The guide, which was first published in 2006, is free and is available at City Hall or by downloading a copy from the City's website.

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