

In the event of a major disaster, many emergency response systems – like 911, fire and police – may be overwhelmed and unable to respond as quickly as normal to every situation. Kitsap PUD, as operators of many public water systems, could face the same overwhelming demand. In that case, we will prioritize our responses to affect the most people at the time. With that, though, a major disaster could require cross jurisdictional efforts to get important regional facilities up and running. This could pull us away from even our largest water system. For example, Kitsap PUD could dispatch personnel to help Silverdale Water District restore service to the hospital or other facilities that serve a regional need. Whatever the case, prioritization such as this may leave many smaller systems down the list for response. Because of this, Kitsap County’s Department of Emergency Management recommends that all citizens maintain enough stored food and water to last between three and seven days. Follow the links below to find additional tips on emergency preparation and response.

Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management

<http://www.kitsapdem.org/>

Washington Department of Health: Home Emergency Preparedness

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/BePreparedBeSafe/GetReady/HomeEmergencyPreparedness>

FEMA Brochure: Emergency Supply List

https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1390846764394-dc08e309debe561d866b05ac84daf1ee/checklist_2014.pdf

Department of Homeland Security: Ready.gov Website

<https://www.ready.gov/>

National Preparedness Month

<https://www.ready.gov/september>