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## Emergency Preparedness Campaign Week 3: Protect Family & Property

(Astoria, OR) — The third week of Clatsop County's "6-Weeks Ready" campaign for personal emergency preparedness is here and the theme is: "Protect Family and Property."

Each week a new preparedness focus is introduced and leads to the [Great ShakeOut](#) earthquake drill on Thursday, Oct. 17.

The [Oregon HazVu](#) geohazards viewer is a great resource from the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI). It's a simple online tool that allows you to enter an address to see if your home, school, work or surrounding area is in a tsunami evacuation zone, wildfire area, at risk for a landslide or other hazard areas.

The more you know about your risk, the better you can prepare for a disaster. Although it is simple to use, we've put together [a quick video](#) that walks you through using the hazard viewer.

"Once you've identified the risks in your area using tools like the Oregon HazVu geohazards viewer, it's crucial to take proactive steps to prepare," said Jen Munson, Clatsop County Emergency Management Community Engagement Coordinator.

"This could look like developing a comprehensive emergency plan that includes evacuation routes, communication strategies, and emergency contacts. It's about enhancing your property's resilience by implementing measures such as reinforcing structures and creating defensible space to mitigate hazards like landslides and wildfires.

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Staying informed by subscribing to [ClatsopALERTS!](#) and regularly practicing emergency drills with your family or colleagues is also important to ensure everyone knows what to do in a crisis.

"Finally, review and update your insurance coverage to include protection against relevant natural hazards, and keep essential documents secure and accessible," Munson said.

Clatsop County's [6-Weeks Ready campaign](#) provides residents and businesses with an opportunity to increase preparedness efforts such as these.

Week 1: Sept. 4	<a href="#">Building a Kit</a>
Week 2: Sept. 11	<a href="#">Disaster Planning with Everyone in Mind</a>
Week 3: Sept. 18	Protecting your Family & Property in a Disaster
Week 4: Sept. 25	Food & Water in an Emergency
Sept. 28	<a href="#">Get Ready Clatsop County Preparedness Event</a>
Week 5: Oct. 2	Tsunami Evacuation
Week 6: Oct. 9	Earthquake Safety

The campaign ends Thursday, Oct. 17, the day of the [Great ShakeOut](#). "We encourage everyone to register online to participate," she said.

Personal preparedness and other emergency preparedness information can be found at [Get 6 WEEKS READY Clatsop County](#).

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