

12 Months of Preparedness

Month 9. Useful Training

We all can benefit from ongoing education, reinforcement of “lessons learned”, and refamiliarization with various disaster preparedness topics. Training is just one way to reinforce these concepts, to sharpen our skills and knowledge, and to be ready and alert when needed.

Whether training is formal or informal, we must be mindful that the ultimate reason for training is to fortify our ability to appropriately respond in emergencies for the safety of ourselves, our families, and our community.

This Preparedness Tip provides some of the local training opportunities you can explore on-line or participate in as pandemic protocol allows. Hopefully you’ll find programs worth your while and that you will enjoy.

City of Corvallis:

- The city of Corvallis is now offering Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. Fall session sign-ups are now being accepted. For information and a description of the program go to the City Website at: [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\) | Corvallis Oregon](#)
- Corvallis Parks and Rec is again offering CPR / AED / First Aid classes as described in their 2021-2022 [Activity Guide](#).

Benton County:

- [OSU Extension Service](#) offers educational programs throughout the year regarding a variety of resource topics: food, water, road systems, etc., and general fundamentals of sustainability.

Federal Government:

- FEMA routinely hosts various on-line and free of charge [Independent Study](#) courses. One of their newest topics is “Preparedness for Child Care Providers”. Even though child care might be far down the list of Stoneybrook concerns the concepts are likely worth exploring.

Educational Institutions:

- LBCC often holds extended learning classes through the American Heart Association’s [AED / CPR Certification](#) program.

Others:

- Our very own [SVOA Preparedness Tips](#) web page where all past preparedness tips can be found.