



CHEMICAL STOCKPILE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

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Tone Alert Radio Check and Battery Replacement available at “Boardman Safety Awareness Days”

Boardman, Ore. – Morrow County Emergency Management is encouraging all Boardman residents to bring their Tone Alert Radio in for a check up and battery replacement during “Boardman Safety Awareness Days” March 22nd - 24th.

Tone Alert Radios (TAR) have been provided free of charge to homes and businesses surrounding the Umatilla Chemical Depot since June of 2000.

“TARs work just fine when plugged into an electrical outlet,” stated Maureen Roxbury, Public Information Officer with Morrow County Emergency Management. “A specialized battery insures that the TAR will continue to operate if we experience a power outage. Unfortunately many TAR batteries have reached their life expectancy and now require replacement.”

TARs are one of five public warning systems that would be activated to warn the public of a chemical emergency at the Umatilla Chemical Depot. They also provide weather alerts from the National Weather Service.

Representatives from the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) will be at the Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 22nd; from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 23rd and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 24th.

In addition to TAR check-ups and battery replacement, Boardman residents who may not have been issued a TAR or shelter in place kit will have the opportunity to receive one during this event. There will also be valuable safety information available from many local agencies; including: Boardman Volunteer Fire Department; American Red Cross and the National Weather Service.

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Residents from Hermiston, Stanfield, Echo, Umatilla and Irrigon who need a TAR battery replacement should call the Tone Alert Radio request line at (800) 307-7708.

For more information on sheltering in place, assembling a shelter kit, choosing a shelter room, or preparing for emergencies visit www.csepp.net.

To schedule a presentation for your group, in Morrow County contact Maureen Roxbury, Morrow County Public Information Officer at (541) 922-5262. In Umatilla County contact Cheryl Seigal, Umatilla County Emergency Management at (541) 966-3703 or toll free (877) 367-2737.

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