

# Governor Kate Brown urges Oregonians to be disaster prepared by signing up for emergency alerts through the OR-Alert notification system

Governor Kate Brown is urging Oregonians to prepare for emergencies by signing up to receive alerts through Oregon's new emergency alert notification system, OR-Alert. The system has been fully implemented in 26 counties

and is actively being implemented in another eight. This timely rollout comes as Oregon has recently faced severe weather events including ice storms, extreme drought and a record-breaking heat wave that has contributed to an

early and dangerous wildfire season. With OR-Alert, people across the state are now able to sign up for alerts custom to their geographic area and receive notifications in the most convenient way possible. "Last year's historic fire

season taught us that being prepared can truly be the difference between life and death," said Governor Brown. "With Oregon facing increasing climate-related weather events, there's never been a better time to make a plan with your family to be prepared. I'm urging all Oregonians to sign up for local alerts through OR-Alert and to take steps to ensure you and your family can be safe in the event of an emergency." "Between extreme weather, wildfires and the pandemic, it became clear that our

state needed a streamlined and customizable way to enable emergency managers at the local, county, Tribal, and state level to communicate with the populations they serve across the state and at a moment's notice," said William Chapman, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator. "OR-Alert has filled this need and is ready for Oregonians to sign up." Anyone can receive emergency alerts through OR-Alert by signing up via text, web or mobile app:

agency alerts in your area by texting your zip code to 888777.

- Website: Sign up for emergency alerts in your area by visiting [www.ora-alert.gov](http://www.ora-alert.gov).

- Mobile App: Download the Everbridge Mobile App to receive emergency alerts wherever you are.

Governor Brown is also urging Oregonians to be "2-Weeks Ready." Learn more at the Office of Emergency Management's website: [www.oregon.gov/OEM/hazardsprep/Pages/2-Weeks-Ready.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/OEM/hazardsprep/Pages/2-Weeks-Ready.aspx).

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the motor skills necessary for playing the games. There will always be a few children exposed by eager parents to team sport

skills and will be capable. The majority of children I watched playing team sports this spring were constantly looking to the playground area of Miller Park. They would have benefitted

greatly from more play time and less structured time.

Movement is needed at young ages so the child can learn about their own body's abilities.

When I watched my grandchildren play T-ball and then play on the playground, the one area they preferred was obvious. They did not need 20 minutes of bench and 20 minutes of maybe getting to throw the ball once or twice. They needed and wanted 20 minutes and more to run, slide, swing, play tag and have fun!

Parents, take your young children to Miller Park, 18th Street Park, Mercer Road Park, 35th Street tennis courts, 34th Street Park and the small park by the dog park. There are many places for your children to have fun. Use the rest of this summer to discover Florence's parks and let your children have fun in the sun.

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