

## Hazardous materials spills can cause major emergency situations

What would you do if you were driving down Highway 26 and began smelling a strong odor of ammonia? Would you think that something in your car had malfunctioned or would you suspect a major spill from a tanker truck somewhere in your vicinity? What would you do?

When we hear the word "disaster" we are most likely to think of natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods. We forget that disasters can also be man-made. Northwest Oregon is the site of several large industrial producers and users of hazardous materials, most of whom adhere to strict safety

rules governing the handling, use, and storage of these materials.

State Highway 47, and U.S. Highways 26 and 30 are used regularly to transport hazardous materials. The presence of these major transportation routes makes the possibility of hazardous materials incidents a reality that we need to be aware and prepared for.

Hazardous materials (hazmat) are any materials which pose unreasonable risk to life, the environment, or property when not properly contained. Some examples of hazardous materials that regularly traverse Columbia County by

truck, rail, ship, or barge are ammonia, chlorine, gasoline, diesel, caustic soda, liquefied petroleum gas, sodium chloride, and a variety of other industrial and household chemicals.

An accident involving a large quantity of hazardous materials could result in a release to the surrounding air or ground, necessitating the evacuation of large areas of a city or neighborhood bordering or adjacent to the release site. The same preparedness procedures that are used to prepare for other natural disasters also apply to hazardous materials incidents,

including developing family and neighborhood disaster plans, assembling disaster supply kits, and knowing how to evacuate your home safely.

**Be aware and consider the following:**

- Your home's location in relation to industrial sites, petroleum storage facilities, Hwy. 30, Hwy. 47, Hwy. 26, railroad lines, and rivers.
- Do you have a family/neighborhood disaster plan in place?
- Have you assembled an evacuation kit or disaster supply kit?
- Do you have a pre-selected place to take your family if requested to evacuate?

**What to do about a Hazmat Incident:**

If you observe or smell a hazmat spill, you should:

- If in a vehicle, protect yourself and your passengers by safely moving well away from the scene of the suspected release.
- Do not drive through a hazmat spill. Go around it.
- Call 9-1-1 to report the location and nature of the release/spill.
- **DO NOT** attempt to intervene in a hazmat spill yourself. It is too dangerous for you to do so. Fire service personnel are trained to identify and handle these incidents.

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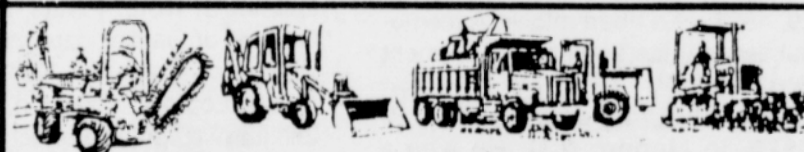


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