



September-October, 2021

The City of Sebastopol community newsletter is one way to stay in touch with what's going on in Sebastopol. Our web site, [CityofSebastopol.org](http://CityofSebastopol.org) is another. It's chock-full of information on City services, public meetings, and community resources. Or, stop by City offices any time we are open!

## September is National Preparedness Month

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### National Preparedness Month

Prepare to Protect



National Preparedness Month (NPM) is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. The 2021 theme is “**Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love.**”

NPM is a project of **FEMA** (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) and [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) (a Department of Homeland Security national public service campaign designed to educate and empower the American people to prepare for, respond to and mitigate emergencies, including natural and man-made disasters.) Make your emergency plans today! Visit the following sites to learn more.

### Preparedness Resources

[ready.gov](http://ready.gov) – Emergency and disaster preparedness information from the Department of Homeland Security

[socoemergency.org](http://socoemergency.org) – Sonoma County emergency and preparedness information

[caloes.ca.gov](http://caloes.ca.gov) – California Governor's Office of Emergency Services website

[readyforwildfire.org](http://readyforwildfire.org) – CAL FIRE's wildfire preparedness website

### Preparedness Resources, cont.

[firesafecouncil.org](http://firesafecouncil.org) – California's Fire Safe Council Website

[Pge.com/wildfiresafety](http://Pge.com/wildfiresafety) – PG&E's website on what to do before, during, and after a wildfire

[Prepareforpowerdown.com](http://Prepareforpowerdown.com) - PG&E's website on how to prepare for Planned Public Safety Power Shutdown (PSPS) events

### Sign up for Emergency Alerts

**Nixle:** Text your zip code to **888777** or sign up online at <https://local.nixle.com/register/>

**SocoAlert:** Visit [socoalert.com](http://socoalert.com)

## Get Your Water Saving Sebasto-Pail!

Water-conserving Sebastopol residents with a current City of Sebastopol Water account can stop by the Public Works Department office at 714 Johnson Street Monday through Thursday 8 AM to 4:30 PM to pick up a bucket.

**TIP:** Use your new Sebasto-Pail to collect the running water while you wait for hot

water and use it to water plants. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.

For more information check out the City's Water Conservation Page at: [SebSavesWater.com](http://SebSavesWater.com).



## Top 10 Water Saving Tips

To report water waste: The City of Sebastopol Public Works department has created door hangers with these water conservation tips. Please contact Public Works if you see an opportunity in your neighborhood where we can help educate property owners on how to prevent water waste. Our staff will take care of making contact with the property owner and will leave them with a handy door hanger. Call Public Works at **(707) 823-5331** or email [citypw@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:citypw@cityofsebastopol.org) with the property address.



### TOP TEN WAYS TO REDUCE WATER USE

- ✚ Reduce irrigation by 25%.
- ✚ Find and repair leaks now.
- ✚ Inspect and tune up your irrigation system monthly.
- ✚ Irrigate between midnight and 6:00 a.m., to reduce water loss from evaporation and wind.
- ✚ Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveway, deck or patio.
- ✚ Use a bucket and a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle when you wash the car, or take your car to a car wash that recycles.
- ✚ Cover pools and hot tubs to reduce evaporation.
- ✚ Use front-loading washing machines.
- ✚ Run the dishwasher and clothes washer with full loads only.
- ✚ Prevent and report water waste.

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## School is Back in Session

The Sonoma County Office of Education has resources available to help you prepare. Visit <https://bit.ly/3lez2Gj> for information and resources.

### Back to School

2021-2022

According to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), recent evidence indicates that in-person instruction can occur safely without a minimum physical distancing requirement when other mitigation strategies are implemented.

As California schools plan for a complete return to in-person instruction for the 2021-22 school year, universal masking and other Covid-19 mitigation strategies will be prioritized.

### Masking in School Settings Regardless of Vaccination Status\*

- When Indoors**  
Masks are required for everyone
- When Outdoors**  
Masks are optional for everyone
- On School Buses**  
Masks are required for everyone

\*Based on CDPH guidance released July 12, 2021. CDPH will continue to assess conditions and will determine no later than Nov. 1, 2021 whether to update its universal mask requirement.

## Stay Up-to-Date on COVID-19 News



County Health Orders changes rapidly. At press time (Sept. 1, 2021) Sonoma County required all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, to wear face coverings when indoors in public settings, with limited exceptions. Please visit [SocoEmergency.org](https://socoemergency.org) frequently for the most current information.

Read Sonoma County's Health Order at: [socoemergency.org/emergency/novel-coronavirus/health-orders/](https://socoemergency.org/emergency/novel-coronavirus/health-orders/)

Information on COVID-19 and local vaccination clinics, visit [SoCoEmergency.org/vaccine](https://SoCoEmergency.org/vaccine)

## Got Apples? Reserve the Slow Food Sebastopol Community Apple Press

It's apple season in Sonoma County, and the Slow Food Sebastopol Community Apple Press is open to the public at the Luther Burbank Experiment Farm in Sebastopol and will run every weekend until **October 24th**.



People are welcome to bring their own apples and a group of volunteers will assist them in making fresh pressed apple juice.

Reservations required. Visit <https://bit.ly/3A9fhUM> to reserve the apple press.

Interested in volunteering? Visit <https://bit.ly/2TSrcGV> for more information.