



# TOWN HALL NEWS

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### GARDEN OPENS APRIL 15

## COMMUNITY GARDEN SPACES AVAILABLE

The Town of Coupeville is again sponsoring a community garden for the residents of Coupeville, who may want to have gardens but lack the space to do it on their own property. The Coupeville Community Garden is located at Highway 20 and Broadway between the forest and the Four Square Church.

If you are interested in renting one of 60 plots for organic vegetable, flower or herb gardening, applications are available at Town Hall and on the Town Website at [www.townofcoupeville.org](http://www.townofcoupeville.org). Applications received by April 11 will be assigned spaces prior to the opening of the garden on April 15. Applicants will be emailed or phoned with their plot assignment. You must pay a \$30 fee for each 10' x 12' plot which covers water and site maintenance. Additional information is available on the application form.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE - WATER MAIN FLUSHING

The Town of Coupeville will be flushing water mains starting April 12 and ending April 15, 2011. The flushing process will take place Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central Whidbey Fire & Rescue will be testing fire hydrants as routine maintenance starting April 18 and ending April 22. This work will take place Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The purpose of water main flushing is to remove iron and manganese sediment that entered the distribution system from the well sources and settled within the mains. Individual prior notice of daily flushing activities will not be given.

During the flushing and hydrant testing, the water in the mains may become turbid (dirty looking). The turbid water is not hazardous to health, but may cause such aesthetic problems as staining laundry. We suggest you refrain from doing laundry during the flushing hours and be prepared that some of the first water out of the tap may be dirty looking. Running the faucet for a few seconds should clear the line. Questions concerning the flushing and fire hydrant maintenance program should be directed to Malcolm Bishop, Public Works Director, at 678-4461, ext 4.

## WANT EGGS?

The Town of Coupeville Code 6.04 provides very limited circumstances in which residents may keep livestock or poultry within the Town limits. We have been contacted by some residents who would like

the ability to keep a few chickens in their back yards. Some cities (Anacortes and Seattle for example) have established rules which would allow a resident to have a few chickens, no roosters, within a fenced area. Is this of interest to you? We would like to hear your comments, pro or con, before we consider moving forward. Please send an email to [mayor@townofcoupeville.org](mailto:mayor@townofcoupeville.org) or call 360-678-4461 x2

## SPRING CLEAN UP DAY SAT, APR 2 9AM - 2PM • PUBLIC WORKS SHOP • 205 N. MAIN

Again this year, The Town will partner with Island Disposal and WSU Waste Wise to provide free drop off of items that cannot be placed in your garbage can. We will take:

LARGE DISCARDS	YARD WASTE	METAL	WOOD
-Furniture	-Branches under 2"	-Bikes	-Construction Waste*
-Mattresses	-Leaves	-Fencing	-Wood Furniture
-Hoses	-Grass	-Scrap Metal	-Wood Chairs
		-Swing Sets	

- No construction waste from contractors!\*
- No Household Garbage! We cannot accept bags of garbage.

This service is limited to Town residents only - bring a copy of your water bill and identification showing your address. This project is paid for with taxpayer dollars and must be restricted to Town of Coupeville residents.

## PREPARING FOR AN EMERGENCY

The tragedy in Japan reminds us that we need to be prepared. Have a Grab 'n Go Bag for each person in the house. Keep it by your bed. If you need to evacuate, grab your bag and go. Even if the emergency doesn't require leaving your home, you will still be prepared.

### ADULT BAG

- Flashlight, batteries, and light sticks
- Portable radio and batteries
- Keys (house and car)
- Money (coins and bills)
- Glasses, contacts lenses and solutions
- Medications (at least one-week supply)
- Comfortable shoes, 2 pairs of socks
- Comfortable clothing (sweats, extra underwear)
- Jacket or sweatshirt
- Whistle (call for help if trapped)
- Pocket knife
- Paper and pencil
- "Okay" and "Help" signs (provided by CERT)
- Emergency phone list, out-of-state contact numbers
- Lists of people to notify if you are injured
- Copies of important documents: insurance, identification, social security, etc.
- Small first aid kit
- Toilet articles: comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, washcloth, face towel, shampoo, lotion, razor, lip balm, emery board, nail clipper, sanitary products, tissue, sunscreen,
- Toilet paper
- Zip-lock bags, plastic grocery bags
- Good book, playing cards, crossword puzzles
- Work gloves, several pairs of latex gloves
- Blanket
- Plastic ground cloth
- Dust mask
- Crow bar (may need to remove debris)
- Drinking water store in a separate place (minimum one gallon per person)
- Food
- Snacks (granola bars, trail mix, peanut butter)