



King County Fire District #40

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Upcoming Events:

- **April 4-8**
Spring Break (Renton Schools)
- **April 11-15**
Spring Break (Kent Schools)
- **April 14**
Fire District 40 Board Meeting
- **April 17**
Easter Sunday
- **May 8**
Mother's Day
- **May 12**
Fire District 40 Board Meeting
- **May 30**
Memorial Day
- **June 9**
Fire District 40 Board Meeting
- **June 17**
Last Day of School (Renton Schools)
- **June 19**
Father's Day
- **June 20**
Juneteenth
- **June 20**
Last Day of School (Kent Schools)

SHERIFF KING COUNTY

Fire District 40 holds regular public meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 5 PM at the King County Sheriff's Fairwood Substation Office at 17620 140th Ave SE #C10, Renton, WA 98058.

Meetings may be held electronically due to COVID-19. Please visit www.fd40.com for current meeting information.

Smoke Detectors Save Lives



Did you know that according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), three out of five home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke detectors? The highest rate of fire related incidents in the home happen in the kitchen.

While 49% are caused by cooking, stovetops were the cause of 61% of cooking fires. Ensure that you are

using the stovetop on the right settings, and always have them switched off whenever not in-use. Never leave your stovetop unattended when you are cooking, even if it is set to low heat.

It is vitally important to maintain your smoke detectors. Remember to test them monthly and replace the battery twice a year or if the low-battery warning sounds. While you are replacing the batteries, a quick



dusting will also help them work to the best of their ability. Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years to achieve optimum performance.

Many of the new smoke detectors now come with a 10-year lithium battery and you simply replace the detector every 10 years. Remember to still test them monthly and keep them dust free.

Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors can easily be found online at Amazon or local retail stores. Make sure you have one or more and that they can save you life.

Spring Hiking and Camping Trips



Spring showers not only bring May flowers, it brings the sunny days and the urge to go hiking or camping. Yes, the scenery can be lush and the trails might be less crowded than summer, but remember the weather can still be erratic so thorough preparation is important.

Go for a practice run. Test out your camping gear (new or old) in your yard to make sure it all works and fits your needs.

Think ahead. You might pack up some stuff in advance, but make sure to check and triple check the weather forecast as close to your departure date as possible.

Plan for inclement weather. Even if it's sunny and warm, spring can be the most fickle time of the year, weather-wise, and things can get blustery quick. Your packing list should include wintery and water-proof items just in case.

Stay dry. Most people would be surprised to learn that hypothermia is more dangerous in the spring than winter. It may be sunny but be sure and stay dry but stocking up on water-proof everything—clothes, tent gear, bags, and any items you may use for hiking. Be sure to also keep your electronics dry.

Don't let the bugs bug you. Bring repellent and Citronella with you as

mosquitos and filer will also be getting out to enjoy spring.

Get ready for mud. All that rain and melting snow means trails and roads are highly likely to get muddy. It's important to bring shoes and boots that are durable in the sense that they won't slip and slide through the soft ground. They also need to be easy to wash and clean. A hiking stick is also good to have for added traction and balance. Bring towels and rags for cleaning mud and to keep the inside of the tent dry and clean.



Stay safe and enjoy your time!



If you can't call 911 during an emergency, you have the option to text.

While texting is an option, residents should still call if they can. The current system only accepts messages in English, and dispatchers also can't receive photos, videos or emojis.



To sign up for a class, call 425-276-9500 or visit: <https://rentonrfa.com/cpr>

Cedar River Water & Sewer	425-255-6370
Century Link	800-491-0118
Comcast Cable (XFINITY)	888-266-2278
Fairwood Library	425-226-0522
King County Fire District 40 (office)	425-225-0931
King County Sheriff's Office	206-296-1311
Metro (Hazardous Waste)	206-684-1233
Poison Control Center	800-222-1222
Puget Sound Energy (Gas & Electricity)	800-321-4123
Puget Sound Energy (Street Lights)	888-225-5773
Republic Services/Allied Waste	206-682-0735
Renton Regional Fire Authority (office)	425-276-9500
Securitas (Fairwood Greens)	425-221-8170
Waste Management	800-592-9995

For up-to-date COVID-19 information please visit: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov>



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- ◆ Test your home's smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- ◆ Don't use electrical appliances with frayed cords.
- ◆ Check for water around electrical appliances.
- ◆ Clean debris from your clothes dryer lint trap and exhaust duct.
- ◆ Remove dead leaves and other debris around foundations, decks, porches, and stairs.
- ◆ Check grills for rust, worn parts, insects, grease, and other debris, before use.
- ◆ Grills should only be used when at least 10 feet away from your house or any building