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### **COVINGTON TAPS INTO ‘ALERT KING COUNTY’ FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

Covington, WA – There are many different circumstances when timely information needs to be sent to the public, such as emergency situations, threats to public health and safety, and significant impacts to major infrastructure like utilities, transportation and more. The City of Covington has started utilizing “ALERT KING COUNTY” to push out this type of information to residents, visitors, and others located in Covington.

Across King County, agencies use the “ALERT KING COUNTY” program to convey messages via telephone which allows users access to important information to empower them to make appropriate and smart decisions in the midst of emergencies or disasters. The system already has most landlines but does not include wireless devices. To get important safety messages fast and efficiently, cell phone numbers should be registered.

When signing up, users can enter their home address, work address or other places they spend time. This allows users to receive messages targeted to the areas they are located in. The best part about all of this, it is **FREE!**

To sign up for the ALERT KING COUNTY system, visit the King County website at [www.kingcounty.gov/alertkingcounty](http://www.kingcounty.gov/alertkingcounty).

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