PLANNING FOR DISASTERS



Planning in advance helps families survive and recover from disasters. Take steps now to protect your family and your home before the next earthquake, wildfire, pandemic, or other disasters.

41% of Americans say they are not prepared for a disaster. In 2018, insured losses due to natural disasters in the U.S. totaled $52 billion.

Make a Family Disaster Plan

- Assign individual responsibilities and work together as a team.
- Choose meeting places outside your home and outside your neighborhood. Discuss what to do in an evacuation and plan multiple exit routes in case of road closures.
- Visit **alertoc.com**, Orange County's emergency notification system, to register and receive information during and after an emergency.
- Enroll in safety classes like CERT, First Aid, and CPR.
- Gather important documentation (insurance, medical documents, or legal documents) and store them in a safe or on a flash drive.

Create Emergency Supply Kits

- Your emergency supply kits should have enough necessities to last you and your family for a minimum of three days, although its recommended to be prepared for 7-10 days.
- Make sure your family kit is portable and easily accessible.
- Consider additional kits for your car and workplace.

Prepare Your Home by Identifying Home Hazards

- Bolt and brace major appliances, heavy furniture, electronics, and any overhead fixtures.
- Use flexible connections where gas lines meet appliances.
- Identify and have the proper tools available to shut off gas, water, and electricity, if necessary.

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DISASTER SUPPLY KIT



A disaster supply kit should include enough food, water, and other important items to last everyone in your household at least three days. It should also be portable in case you need to evacuate. Be sure to consider individual and family needs, including pets, when building your disaster supply kit.



It's important to have disaster supply kits at your work, in your car, and in your home. Ready made kits are available for purchase or you can choose to build your own.

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Home Disaster Supply Kit

- [ ] Water (1 gallon per person per day)
- [ ] Non-perishable food and manual can opener
- [ ] Battery powered radio and extra batteries
- [ ] Flashlights (one per person) and extra batteries
- [ ] First aid kit, including manual
- [ ] Prescription medications
- [ ] Spare eyeglasses
- [ ] Whistle to signal for help
- [ ] Dust mask to filter contaminated air
- [ ] Personal sanitation items (soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc.)
- [ ] Portable shelter (tent, sheet, or blankets with duct tape)
- [ ] Toilet paper and garbage bags for waste
- [ ] Tool kit, including wrench to turn off utilities
- [ ] Heavy gloves for clearing debris
- [ ] ABC fire extinguisher
- [ ] Cooking/eating necessities, including cups, plates, utensils and paper towels
- [ ] Local maps
- [ ] Cash (small bills and change)
- [ ] Copies of important family documents
- [ ] Food, water and supplies for pets

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Family/Household Disaster Plan

Last name or address

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Family/household contact info

Name	Home phone	Cell phone	Email

Pet(s) info

Name	Type	Color	Registration #

1. What are the escape routes from our home?

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2. If separated during an emergency, what is our meeting place near our home?

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3. If we can't return home or are asked to evacuate, what is our meeting place outside our neighborhood?

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4. What route will we take to get to our meeting place outside our neighborhood? What alternate route will we use if the first route is blocked?

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5. If our family/household is separated or can't communicate with each other, who is our emergency contact outside our immediate area?

Name	Home phone	Cell phone	Email

The American Red Cross has a website designed to make communication easier after a disaster. Let family and friends know you're safe by registering at https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms// or by calling 1-800-733-2767.

6. If at school/daycare, our children will be evacuated to

Child's name	Evacuation address and contact info

7. Our plan for people in our family/household with disabilities or special needs is

Name	Plan

8. If we have to take immediate shelter in our home, a safe room where we can "shelter in place" is

9. Family/household member responsibilities

Task	Description	Person Responsible
Disaster Kit	Stock disaster kit in advance; restock as needed. Include medications, important documents, and items family/household might need during an evacuation. Take kit if evacuation is necessary.	
Disaster Information	Sign up in advance for disaster updates and information at AlertOC, Orange County's mass notification system (www.alertoc.com). Monitor local radio and TV for ongoing disaster coverage.	
Family Medical Information	Update medical information as needed and include in disaster kit. This should include medical history, conditions and current medication lists.	
Financial Information	Keep copies of bank statements and cash with disaster kit in case credit cards don't work. Include copies of utility bills as proof of residence, which is needed when applying for disaster assistance.	
Pet Information	Stock pet disaster kit in advance; restock as needed. Keep copies of pet records and a list of animal shelters and pet-friendly motels.	
Plan Maintenance	Discuss completed disaster plan with family/household members, emergency contacts, and others who need to be informed. Review plan every six months and update as needed.	

10. Additional information