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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Central County Fire Department and the communities that we serve recommend that you and your family are prepared in the event of any emergency. Examples of emergencies can include earthquakes, prolonged power outages, severe weather, wildland fires, terrorism, drought, and more. Being prepared includes having and practicing an emergency plan and regularly checking supplies.



Plan ahead to be prepared for and manage any type of emergency. Create a family emergency plan that includes communication, supplies, home evacuation, and reunification – remember your pets in your plan. Explain the dangers of fires, severe weather and earthquakes to family members. Assign responsibilities; discuss and practice the plan. Check smoke detectors, extinguishers, and alarm systems.



Develop an emergency plan with assigned responsibilities and chain of command. Ensure that vital documents and information are backed up and documented. Create a communication and business resumption plan. Have emergency supplies including food and water. Work with neighboring businesses.



A good protection before an emergency happens is to get involved and be prepared in your community. During an emergency or disaster many of the resources may not be available. Planning ahead is essential; know what community resources might be shared; take a CERT class; get involved with a CERT team or a neighborhood network.

Links to information and resources:

- General information – [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov); [www.caloes.ca.gov](http://www.caloes.ca.gov) ; [www.smcready.org](http://www.smcready.org)
- Emergency plan – [www.ready.gov/make-a-plan](http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan)
- Emergency supply checklist – [add CCFD checklist page]
- Drought and Emergency Preparedness information – [add CA Warm & Dry page]
- Car supplies – [www.dmv.org/how-toguides/emergency-kit.php](http://www.dmv.org/how-toguides/emergency-kit.php)
- Pet supplies - [www.aspca.org/pet-care/disaster-preparedness](http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/disaster-preparedness)
- San Mateo County alert system – [www.smcalert.info](http://www.smcalert.info)
- Hillsborough Neighborhood Network - <http://www.hillsborough.net/288/Hillsborough-Neighborhood-Network>
- Burlingame Neighborhood Network - [www.thebnn.us](http://www.thebnn.us)
- CERT – [link to the CCFD CERT page]