



PLANNING FOR DISASTER



Planning in advance helps families survive and recover from disasters.



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Be prepared for the unexpected. Take steps now to protect your family and your home before the next earthquake, wildfire, or other disaster strikes.

Make a Family Disaster Plan

Discuss how to prepare for and respond to a disaster. Plan to share responsibilities and work together as a team.

- Consider special needs for elderly or disabled family members, children, and pets.
- Choose meeting places outside your home and outside your neighborhood. Discuss what to do in an evacuation, and plan multiple routes in case of road closures.
- Choose an out-of-state contact person who can relay information to and from everyone in your household.
- Register for AlertOC, Orange County's emergency notification system, to receive information during and after an emergency.
- Enroll in CPR and first aid classes so you can take care of yourself and your family while you wait for first responders to arrive.

Create Emergency Supply Kits

Your emergency supply kits should have enough supplies to last you and your family for at least three days.

- Make sure your family kit is portable in case you need to evacuate.
- Consider individual and family needs.
- Include supplies for your pets.
- Create smaller, portable kits for your car and workplace.

Prepare Your Home

Identify and find solutions for any hazards in your home.

- Bolt or brace water heaters, major appliances, bookcases, and other top-heavy furniture to wall studs.
- Anchor or brace overhead fixtures such as lights and ceiling fans.
- Use flexible connections where gas lines meet appliances.
- Secure televisions, computers, and other electronics.
- Secure or relocate heavy pictures or mirrors over beds and furniture.
- Know where and how to shut off gas, water, and electricity.