



## OCFA Disaster Preparedness Talking Points

- Every family needs a disaster plan. Discuss now how to prepare for and respond to a disaster with the members of your household.
- Consider special needs for elderly or disabled family members, children, and pets.
- Ask to see the plan for your child's school so you'll know what to expect from them during and after an emergency. If your workplace doesn't have a plan, volunteer to help put one together.
- Prepare for emergency evacuation. Plan multiple escape routes from your neighborhood and workplace in case roads are blocked or damaged.
- Talk with friends and family about how to get in touch in case of an emergency.
- Choose an out-of-state contact person who can relay information to you and from everyone in your household.
- Sign up for AlertOC, Orange County's emergency notification system. Online registration allows you to enter your home, cell, and work phone numbers as well as email addresses for notification before, during, and after emergency situations.
- Learn CPR and basic first aid.
- Create a disaster supply kit with enough supplies to last you and your family at least three days. Consider individual and family needs, including supplies for your pets.
- Create smaller kits for your car and workplace in case you have to shelter in place during or after a disaster.
- Do a full hazard hunt at home and work. Identify potential hazards and address them immediately.
  - Know where and how to shut off gas, water, and electricity.
  - Bolt or brace water heaters, major appliances, bookcases, electronics, and other top-heavy furniture to wall studs.
  - Anchor or brace overhead fixtures and heavy or dangerous objects that might fall or tip over during an earthquake. Brackets and straps are available at most hardware and home stores.
  - Use flexible connections where gas lines meet appliances.
  - Secure or relocate heavy pictures or mirrors over beds and seating areas.