



COUNTY FIRE  
DISTRICT

# 2024 Preparedness Guide

The Los Altos Hills County Fire District invites you to **PREPARE** throughout the year

## JANUARY

### Winter Safety



Start the New Year off right by learning life saving skills in a CPR/AED class.

- Know how and where to get sandbags
- Test your generator to ensure you have backup power
- Download PG&E's "Report It" App

January 16 - Learn CPR/AED with County Fire\*

January 27 - Attend PG&E Winter Safety Presentation\*

## FEBRUARY

### Alert Preparedness



Planning and preparation can help with your safety and comfort.

- AlertSCC provides Emergency Warnings
- Genasys (Formerly ZoneHaven) gives evacuation information for your area
- Watch Duty gives you info on nearby wildfires in real time
- MyShake delivers ShakeAlerts across California

February 13 - Learn how to report issues to the Town of LAH\*

## MARCH

### Home Hardening



Help your home survive wildfire!

- Schedule an HIZ: [lahcfd.org/hiz](http://lahcfd.org/hiz)
- Clear your roof and gutters
- Prioritize removing flammable vegetation from the 0-5 ft zone around your home

March 2 - Take a Home Hardening class\*

March 14 - Take County Fire's Personal Preparedness class\*

## APRIL

### Prepare Your Landscape



Clear your property of hazardous fire fuel and create defensible space around your home!

- Use our Greenwaste Vegetation Removal Monthly Drop-off Program [lahcfd.org/greenwaste](http://lahcfd.org/greenwaste)
- Reduce the chance of ignition from falling embers by using non-combustible patio furniture
- Use a fire smart landscape design

April 27 - Attend a presentation on Defensible Space\*

## MAY

### Community Wildfire Preparedness



Wildfires spread quickly. Minimize the risks by preparing early!

- Create 10 ft of space between tree limbs and structures, including decks
- Make your property safer with our Brush Chipping Program: [lahcfd.org/BrushChipping](http://lahcfd.org/BrushChipping)
- Don't wait, evacuate at the earliest warnings

Learn how to be a Firewise Community [lahcfd.org/firewise-usa](http://lahcfd.org/firewise-usa)

## JUNE

### Pet Preparedness



If an emergency happens, are you prepared for your pets?

- Plan and practice how to evacuate your pets
- Make a go bag for your pet
- Make sure your pet is micro-chipped

June 17 - Take a virtual Pet Evacuation class\*

\* To register for classes, visit [www.lahcfd.org/classes](http://www.lahcfd.org/classes)



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### Neighborhood Preparedness



Help your neighborhood become safer!

- Make sure your neighbors are signed up for **AlertSCC**
- Host a Go Bag/Stay Bag Building workshop with your neighbors
- Join the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) [lahcfd.org/CERT](http://lahcfd.org/CERT)

Request a neighborhood Preparedness Class  
[lahcfd.org/request](http://lahcfd.org/request)

## AUGUST

### Back to School



Disasters happen everywhere; help every member of the family prepare!

- Join and volunteer with Teen CERT [lahcfd.org/TeenCERT](http://lahcfd.org/TeenCERT)
- Sign up for emergency communications from your child's school and update their emergency contacts lists
- Teach children to be ready by creating a plan and have them build their own safety kit

Check out our kid specific preparedness videos  
[youtube.com/@lahcfd](https://youtube.com/@lahcfd)

## SEPTEMBER

### National Preparedness Month



Disasters and emergencies can happen anytime.

- Make sure you have an emergency supply of medications
- People with disabilities should consider all the items they use daily, as well as life-sustaining items
- Know 2 ways out if you have to evacuate your home

September 28 - Come see us at the Touch-A-Truck and public safety day

## OCTOBER

### Earthquake Awareness



Are you ready for the big one?

- Check your emergency supplies
- Know how to turn off your electricity and gas at the main switch and valves
- Once you are safe, pay attention to local news reports for emergency information and instructions via NOAA weather radio, TV, social media or cell phone alerts

October 17 - Join the Great ShakeOut Event

## NOVEMBER

### Holiday Home Safety



Remember, fire hazards increase during the holidays.

- Check your smoke alarms
- Create and practice a home fire escape plan
- Before you string lights on the house or the tree, be sure to inspect the strands for frayed cords or cracked lamps

Watch a pre-recorded webinar on emergency preparedness  
[lahcfd.org/get-ready](http://lahcfd.org/get-ready)

## DECEMBER

### Be Ready in the New Year



Make a resolution to Be Ready for the New Year!

- Conduct an annual insurance check up
- Check emergency food and water supply for expiration dates
- Snap photos of important documents and save them in a secure place or online

Head to our website for resources on preparing  
[lahcfd.org/prepare](http://lahcfd.org/prepare)

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