



2025 LAHCFD PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

Los Altos Hills County Fire District (LAHCFD) partners with Santa Clara County Fire Department (SCCFD) to offer year-round resident education. To register, visit lahcfd.org/classes.

Check our site regularly for new class updates.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

Creating Your Family & Neighborhood Emergency Plans

1. Designate family emergency contacts.
2. Take a class to prepare for medical emergencies.
3. Formalize your neighborhood communication strategy and exchange emergency information with neighbors.

JAN

CLASS:

Preparing for Medical Emergencies

hosted by SCCFD

Jan 23

INCLEMENT WEATHER EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Your Guide to Inclement Weather Emergency Preparedness

1. Stay informed! Sign up for emergency alerts at AlertSCC.org.
2. Download the PG&E Report It app to submit concerns about vegetation, poles, and powerlines.
3. Take steps to prepare for inclement weather or other emergencies: lahcfd.org/prep

FEB

CLASSES:

AHA Heartsaver CPR/AED, *hosted by SCCFD* Feb 12

Be Ready, Be Prepared for Inclement Weather, *hosted by LAHCFD*

Feb 19

HOME HARDENING AGAINST WILDFIRES

Make Your Home Wildfire Ready

1. Schedule a Hazardous Ignition Zone (HIZ) Assessment: lahcfd.org/hiz
2. Seal gaps around windows, doors, and vents with fire-resistant material to prevent embers from entering.
3. Cover attic and foundation vents with 1/8" or 1/16" mesh screen to prevent embers from entering.

MAR

CLASSES:

Hey teens! Join our **Teen CERT Academy** (ages 13-18), *hosted by LAHCFD* Mar 14-16

Join the Los Altos Hills Community Emergency Response Team class *hosted by SCCFD* (class starts in April)

LANDSCAPING FOR WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

Planting a Fire-Resistant Landscape

1. Use well-watered, well-spaced, and fire-resistant plants in your landscaping.
2. Consider replacing plants within the first 5 feet of your home's foundation or deck with gravel, stones, or bricks.
3. Use our Defensible Space Vegetation Removal Monthly Drop Off program: lahcfd.org/greenwaste

APRIL

CLASSES:

Fire-Resistant Landscaping

hosted by LAHCFD

April 12

Be Ready: Be Prepared for Disasters

hosted by SCCFD

April 24

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

Protecting Your Home & Family

1. Stay informed about fire weather on weather.gov or via the Watch Duty app.
2. Prepare for evacuation: know 2 ways out and download Genasys Protect (formerly ZoneHaven) for evacuation alerts and information.
3. Become a Firewise USA® Community: lahcfd.org/firewise

MAY

TAKE ACTION:

Participate in **Community Wildfire Preparedness Day**: wildfireprepdoy.org

May 3

CLASS:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Wildfire and Emergency Planning, *hosted by LAHCFD*

May 14

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Building a Resilient Neighborhood Network

1. Connect with 3-5 nearby homes to create a support system.
2. Join the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): lahcfd.org/CERT
3. Discuss what you can contribute, such as radio communication, medical expertise, or backup power, to enhance neighborhood preparedness.

JUNE

CLASS:

Building a Community Preparedness Network

hosted by LAHCFD

June 18

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CRIME PREVENTION & HOME FIRE SAFETY MONTH

JULY

Prioritizing Crime Prevention & Fire Safety

1. Take a class on fraud and crime prevention, including common scams and ID theft.
2. Verify smoke/carbon monoxide alarms are working and fire extinguishers are pressurized.
3. Know your trusted community resources. Use 2-1-1 for essential services.

END OF SUMMER FAMILY SAFETY CHECK IN

AUG

Emergency Preparedness for Fall

1. Update emergency contacts at home and school.
2. Practice fire drills and evacuations with your family and teach kids how to call 911.
3. Pack a small emergency kit for family members (cars or backpacks), including snacks, water, a flashlight, and a first aid kit.

TAKE ACTION:

Discover more preparedness tips with the family-friendly **Disaster Dodgers** video series: lahcfd.org/youth

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

SEPT

Being Ready for the Unexpected

1. Create or update your emergency kit.
2. Review and practice your emergency plan including meet up locations, communication methods, and evacuation routes.
3. Help your neighbors: Stay informed, educate others, and encourage neighbors to sign up for AlertSCC.

EVENT:

Come see us at **Touch a Truck** hosted by Town of Los Altos Hills Sept 27

EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS

OCT

Earthquake Safety & Readiness

1. Secure heavy furniture to the wall to prevent tipping.
2. Practice "Drop, Cover, and Hold On."
3. Create an earthquake kit with water, non-perishable food, flashlight, first aid kit, and sturdy shoes.

TAKE ACTION:

Find a **Great ShakeOut** event near you: shakeout.org Oct 16

EMERGENCY POWER & HANDLING OUTAGES

NOV

Backup Power

1. Ensure you have an emergency backup power source, such as a portable generator, solar system, or backup batteries.
2. Stock up on batteries for flashlights, radios, and other devices.
3. Consider getting solar-powered chargers for your phones.

TAKE ACTION:

Familiarize yourself with the PG&E Outage Map: pgealerts.alerts.pge.com

CLASS:

Be Ready Be Prepared: Emergency Kits and Go Bags hosted by LAHCFD Nov 15

HOLIDAY SEASON SAFETY & FIRE PREVENTION

DEC

Protecting Your Home with Holiday Fire Safety

1. Check holiday lights for frayed wires or loose connections, and turn off those lights when you leave the house.
2. Prevent home fires by maintaining clearance around space heaters, fireplaces, kitchen appliances, and other heat sources.
3. Test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors for proper functioning.

TAKE ACTION:

Make a winter safety kit for your car: lahcfd.org/car-safety



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COUNTY FIRE
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