

# 2026 Preparedness Calendar 12 Months of Readiness

Preparedness is a year-round activity. Review topics for the year, check offerings in the Be Ready Be Prepared (BRBP) series, see all classes and register at [lahcfd.org/classes](https://lahcfd.org/classes). For more wildfire preparedness and monthly safety topics, subscribe to the [LAHCFD newsletter](#).



## START STRONG: EMERGENCY PLANS

- ☐ Sign up for local emergency alerts — Nixle (text your ZIP to 888777) and [AlertSCC.org](https://AlertSCC.org)
- ☐ Be ready for unexpected outages — stay informed with the [PG&E Outage Map](#).
- ☐ Update emergency contacts, Go Bags, evacuation routes, and communication plans.
- ☐ Are you part of a Firewise USA community? View the [map](#) to learn more!

JAN

CLASS:

**BRBP: Creating Emergency Plans**  
IN PERSON / HYBRID  
hosted by LAHCFD  
Jan 24

## GAME PLAN FOR THE ROAD: BE A PREPARED DRIVER

- ☐ Maintain your vehicle regularly and keep the gas tank at least half full.
- ☐ Pack a car safety kit with jumper cables, a first aid kit, blankets, water, snacks, phone chargers, flashlights, and batteries.
- ☐ Know two ways out of your neighborhood to avoid hazards like flooded roads, downed trees, or mudslides.

FEB

CLASS:

**BRBP: Inclement Weather**  
IN PERSON / HYBRID  
hosted by LAHCFD  
Feb 28

## BE READY TO HELP

- ☐ Build first aid kits (or refresh yours) for home, car, and Go Bags.
- ☐ Learn basic first aid skills, such as CPR, treating burns, cuts, stings and bites — and understand when to call 911.
- ☐ Familiarize yourself with emergency contacts and trusted sources for information.

MAR

CLASS:

**BRBP: Build a First Aid Kit**  
IN PERSON / HYBRID  
hosted by LAHCFD  
Mar 28

## BE READY TO GRAB & GO OR BE PREPARED TO STAY

- ☐ Pack Go Bags, including kits for your pets and animals, so your household can be ready to leave quickly in an emergency.
- ☐ Add items to a Stay Box for when you can't leave home. Prepare for at least 3 days without water or electricity.
- ☐ Work with neighbors to identify shared resources for a shelter-in-place situation, such as radio communications or backup power.

APRIL

CLASS:

**BRBP: Make a Go Bag**  
IN PERSON / HYBRID  
hosted by LAHCFD  
April 18

## WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH

- ☐ Register for a Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) assessment. [lahcfd.org/hiz](https://lahcfd.org/hiz)
- ☐ Learn evacuation levels (see top of next page) and practice evacuation drills.
- ☐ Participate in community wildfire education events.

EVENT:

MAY

**Wildfire Community Preparedness Day**  
IN PERSON / HYBRID  
hosted by LAHCFD  
May 2

## FIRE-SMART LANDSCAPING

- ☐ To prevent spread of fire from the ground to the tree canopy, limb up trees 6-10' or 1/3 the height and remove ladder fuels. [lahcfd.org/ladderfuels](https://lahcfd.org/ladderfuels)
- ☐ Schedule or participate in brush chipping. [lahcfd.org/brushchipping](https://lahcfd.org/brushchipping)
- ☐ Keep vegetation green and maintain defensible space. Check out the [Marin Fire Smart Yards](#) guide for examples.
- ☐ Learn how to treat vegetation safely by working in pairs, having fire extinguishers or water nearby, using spark arrestors, and observing weather. [lahcfd.org/vegetation](https://lahcfd.org/vegetation)

JUNE

CLASS:

**Fire-smart Landscaping**  
IN PERSON / HYBRID  
hosted by LAHCFD  
June 13

MEET LAHCFD AT:

**Town Picnic**  
June 7

# Year-Round Preparedness (continued)

## Remember...

An **Evacuation Order** requires immediate evacuation due to life-threatening danger.

An **Evacuation Warning** advises evacuation due to potential risk.

A **Shelter in Place** requires staying locked indoors and awaiting further notice from emergency personnel.



## HOME HARDENING

JULY

- ☐ Clean debris from roofs and gutters. This activity is rebate eligible when noted on your HIZ report.
- ☐ Install ember-resistant attic and crawl space vents.
- ☐ Create a 5' non-combustible perimeter around your home. Move firewood 30' away.
- ☐ Participate in defensible space brush chipping. [lahcfd.org/brushchipping](http://lahcfd.org/brushchipping)

### CLASS:

**Home Hardening & Zone 0**

IN PERSON

hosted by LAHCFD

July 25

## STAY ALERT: PETS AND EMERGENCIES

AUG

- ☐ Know two ways out of your neighborhood, have Go Bags for family and pets handy, and hold an evacuation drill.
- ☐ Use tech tools for safety — sign up for local emergency alerts with Nixle (text your ZIP to 888777) and [AlertSCC.org](http://AlertSCC.org). Download [Genasys Protect](#) and [Watch Duty](#) for evacuation information.

### CLASS:

**BRBP: Animal Preparedness**

IN PERSON

hosted by LAHCFD

Aug 22

## NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

SEPT

- ☐ Review and practice your emergency plan including meet up locations, communication methods, and evacuation routes.
- ☐ Help your neighbors — stay informed, educate others, and encourage neighbors to sign up for alerts at [AlertSCC.org](http://AlertSCC.org)
- ☐ Participate in National Preparedness Month activities. [ready.gov/september](http://ready.gov/september)

### MEET LAHCFD AT:

• **Hoedown**

• **Touch A Truck**

## EARTHQUAKE SAFETY

OCT

- ☐ Practice “Drop, Cover, Hold On” drills.
- ☐ Secure heavy furniture, water heaters, and appliances.
- ☐ Inspect emergency kits for earthquake-specific needs.

### TAKE ACTION:

**Join a Great**

**ShakeOut Event**

[shakeout.org](http://shakeout.org)

## PLAN & PROTECT

NOV

- ☐ Keep decorations away from heat sources, use flame-resistant ornaments, and check holiday lights for frayed wires to prevent fires.
- ☐ Include a small first aid kit, flashlight, or portable phone charger in your holiday gift stash to keep loved ones prepared.
- ☐ Plan your routes, check weather alerts, and have a family communication plan in case of emergencies during holiday travel or gatherings.

### CLASS:

**BRBP: Fire Extinguishers & Holiday Safety**

IN PERSON

hosted by LAHCFD

Nov 7

## REFLECT & RESTOCK

DEC

- ☐ Update insurance inventory with photos and documents.
- ☐ Evaluate the past year's preparedness successes and gaps.
- ☐ Restock Go Bags, first aid kits, and emergency supplies.
- ☐ Prepare for winter storms and potential road/evacuation hazards.

### TAKE ACTION:

• **Create a winter**  
**power outage kit**

• **Test Smoke Alarms**  
**and CO<sup>2</sup> Detectors**