

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 lahcf.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](#)
- 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. lahcf.org/hiz
- Learn evacuation levels (see top of next page) and practice evacuation drills.
- Participate in community wildfire education events.

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. lahcf.org/ladderfuels
- Schedule or participate in brush chipping. lahcf.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. lahcf.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

- 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

JULY

CLASS:

Home Hardening & Zone 0

IN PERSON

hosted by LAHCFD

July 25

STAY ALERT: PETS AND EMERGENCIES

- 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. Download **Genasys Protect** and **Watch Duty** for evacuation information.

AUG

CLASS:

BRBP: Animal Preparedness

IN PERSON

hosted by LAHCFD

Aug 22

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

- 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
- Participate in National Preparedness Month activities. ready.gov/september

SEPT

MEET LAHCFD AT:

- **Hoedown**
- **Touch A Truck**

OCT

TAKE ACTION:

Join a Great ShakeOut Event
shakeout.org

NOV

PLAN & PROTECT

- 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

DEC

REFLECT & RESTOCK

- 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 CO₂ Detectors**