

2026 Be Ready, Be Prepared: Creating Emergency Plans

Saturday, January 24, 2026

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

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Welcome & Introductions



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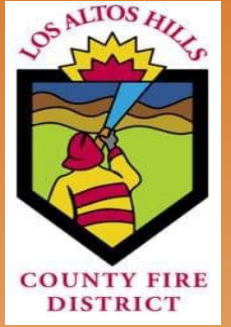


Refreshments



Attendee Introductions-
Your name and city of residence

Housekeeping & Safety Message



- Restrooms
- Earthquake: Cover and Hold



- Evacuation: Two ways out of the Chambers
Meeting spot- in parking lot by round-about

2026 Preparedness Calendar



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. 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!

CLASS:

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

JAN

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.

CLASS:

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

FEB

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.

CLASS:

BRBP: Build a First Aid Kit
IN PERSON / HYBRID
hosted by LAHCFD
Date TBD

MAR

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.

CLASS:

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

APRIL

WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH

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

EVENT:

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

MAY

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
- Schedule or participate in brush chipping. 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

CLASS:

Fire-smart Landscaping
IN PERSON
hosted by LAHCFD
June 13

MEET LAHCFD AT:
• Town Picnic
June 7

JUNE

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

CLASS:

Home Hardening & Zone 0
IN PERSON
hosted by LAHCFD
July 25

JULY

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.

CLASS:

BRBP: Animal Preparedness
IN PERSON
hosted by LAHCFD
Aug 22

AUG

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

MEET LAHCFD AT:

• Hoedown
• Touch A Truck

SEPT

EARTHQUAKE SAFETY

- 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

OCT

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 / HYBRID
hosted by LAHCFD
Nov 7

NOV

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

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2026 Be Ready Be Prepared Series:



**BRBP:
Creating
Emergency
Plans
1-24-26**

**BRBP:
Inclement
Weather
2-28-26**

**BRBP:
Build a First
Aid Kit
3-28-26**

**BRBP:
Make a Go
Kit
4-18-26**

**BRBP:
Animal
Preparedness
8-22-26**

**BRBP:
Fire
Extinguishers
&
Holiday
Safety
11-7-26**

Additional Training & Events:



**3rd Annual
Community
Wildfire
Event
5-2-26**

**Evacuation
Drill
June '26**

**Fire Smart
Landscaping
Class
6-13-26**

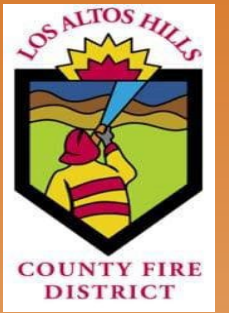
**Home
Hardening
& Zero Zone
Class
7-25-26**

**Great
Shakeout
Day
10-17-26**

**Happy
Holidays!

Look for
New Classes
in 2027**

2026 Be Ready, Be Prepared Series: *Creating Emergency Plans*



Build a Family Emergency Plan -

- Family Emergency & Evacuation Plan workbook
- Update essential supplies and Go Bags

Learn how to sign up to receive local emergency alerts -

- SBLX, Nixle & AlertSCC

Know where to find accurate and verified emergency information during a disaster -

Additional Resources –

Presentation slides, handouts & recording Available: LAHCFD.org



***Agenda
for
Today***

Why Preparedness Matters...



Disasters can happen with little warning & evacuations may be sudden

Having a plan reduces stress, saves time, and improves safety

Being prepared is the first step toward keeping you & your family safe



Prepare in 3 Steps : Take Action Now

1

Make a Plan:
individual, family,
and neighborhood



2

Build an Emergency
Supply Kit: disaster
or special needs



3

Stay Informed: sign
up for alerts & know
your local resources



1

Making a Plan: Creating a Family Emergency Plan

Why Does Every Household Need a Plan?

- Reduces panic during an emergency
- Ensures all family members know their roles

Emergency Contacts:
Local and out-of-area

Evacuation Routes:
Identify multiple exits

Meeting Points:
Safe places if separated

Practice Drills:
Regularly rehearse the plan





1

Make a Family Emergency Plan: Resource - Ready.gov

Have a family emergency communication plan:



Scan to download

This PDF guide can help you plan:

- Go to [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov)
Search- "Family Communication Plan"

The image shows a preview of a PDF guide titled "Family Emergency Communication Plan" from Ready.gov. The cover features the "AMERICA'S PrepareAthon! Ready" logo and a checklist icon. The text on the cover reads: "BE SMART. TAKE PART. CREATE YOUR FAMILY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION PLAN". Below the cover, the guide's content is visible, including the heading "Join with others to prepare for emergencies and participate in America's PrepareAthon! | ready.gov/prepare". The guide explains that creating the plan starts with the question "What if?" and lists three steps: 1. COLLECT (Create a paper copy of contact information), 2. SHARE (Make sure everyone carries a copy), and 3. PRACTICE (Have regular household meetings). A "TEXT IS BEST!" section notes that text messages are more reliable than phone calls during emergencies. The date "July 2015" is printed at the bottom left of the page.



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Make a Plan: Connect & Protect

Think about who you want to connect with during an emergency

These may be family, neighbors, friends or caregivers



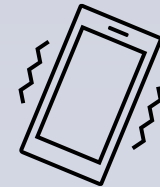
Write down their names and contact information

Share copies with everyone on your list



Also pick one person outside the area where you live who won't be affected by your local disaster

You and your contacts might be able to check in as safe with that faraway relative or friend, and share where you are



Try **texting** if local phone calls can't get through during a disaster.



1 Help Friends & Neighbors Get Ready

Think about who might be the first on the scene to help in your neighborhood during a disaster as you think about your answers to these questions:



WHO IS HOME IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD DURING THE DAY?



WHO IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD MIGHT NEED HELP?



WHO IS AT HOME IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU DURING THE DAY?



WHAT ABOUT AT NIGHT? ON A WEEKEND?

Activity # 1:

Wildfire Emergency Preparedness Workbook



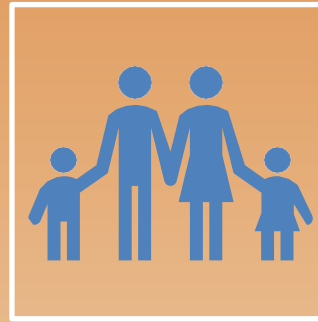
Wildfire Emergency
Preparedness Workbook- Complete pages 2 & 3

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Build an Emergency Supply Kit: Types of Go Bags



PERSONAL: Includes basics like food, water, first aid, meds, hygiene items, ID, basic tools, copies of important documents



FAMILY: Shared supplies + pet/children needs, copies of important family documents, clothing, food/water, sanitary supplies



MOBILE KIT: food, water, clothing tools, first aid supplies, documents

**Upcoming Classes: Be Ready Be Prepared: Build a First Aid Kit- March 28, 2026
Be Ready Be Prepared: Make a Go Bag- April 18, 2026**

2

Personal Go Bag : The Essentials



Water & food for at least 3 days (FEMA recommends 1 gallon per person per day)



Flashlight, extra batteries, hand-crank/battery radio



Medications, first aid kit, copies of IDs, insurance, contact list (waterproof bag)



Hygiene items, masks, extra pair of shoes/clothing, gloves, multi-tool, blanket



Phone charger/power bank, cash, keys, local map, NOAA radio, Ham radio

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Water & Food Guidelines



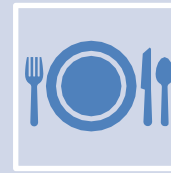
Water: 1 gallon per person per day for at least 3 days (include your pets!)



Food: non-perishable, easy-to-prepare (energy bars, nuts, dried fruit, canned foods)



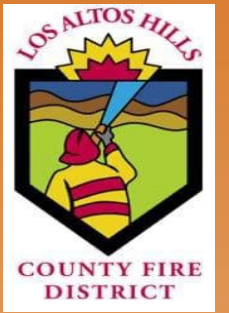
Rotate & Review! Stock twice per year when you change your clocks & check expiration dates



Don't Forget! Manual can opener, utensils, napkins, trash bags, matches, candles

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Personal Go Bag : Documents & Personal Info



IDs, insurance policies, medical info, prescriptions



Bank/credit info, titles/deeds; store in waterproof pouch



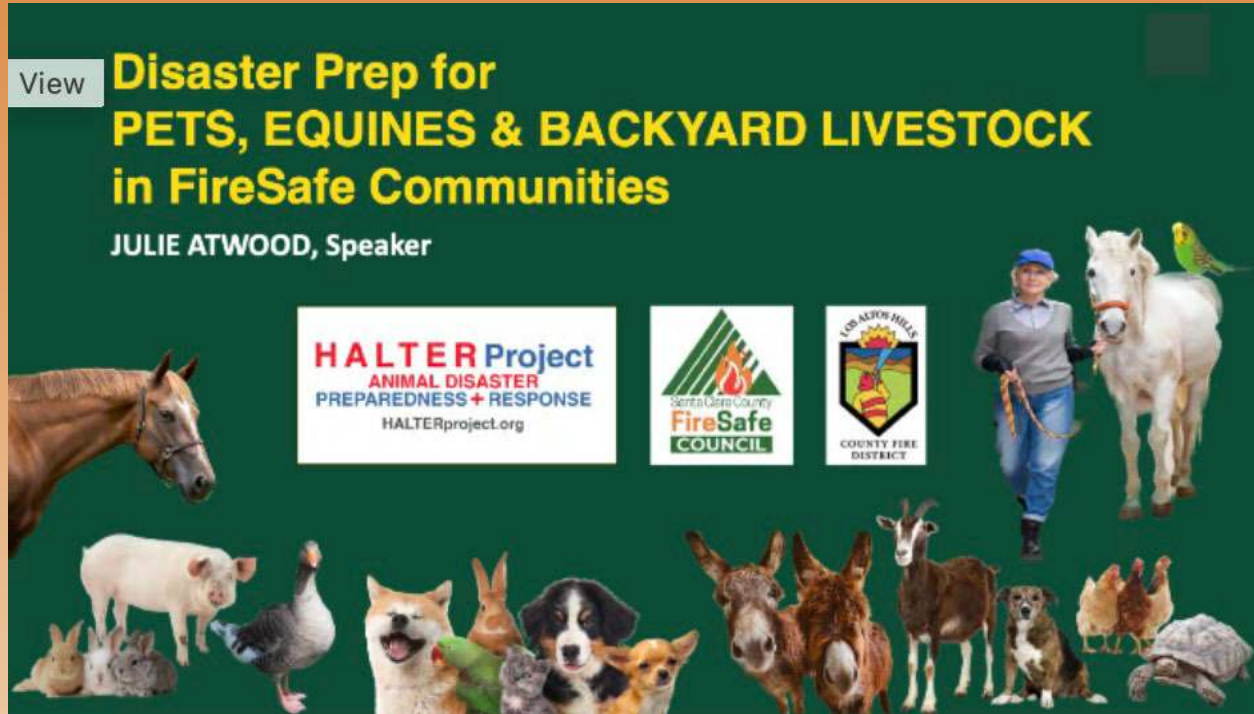
Digital backups (encrypted) + cloud; paper copies as fallback



Cash in small bills; spare keys; emergency contact cards

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Build an Emergency Kit : Pet Preparedness



LAHCFD Website Information:

<https://www.lahcfd.org/preparing-for-emergencies/take-a-class/disaster-prep-for-pets/>

Upcoming Class- BRBP Animal Preparedness class August 22, 2026, Registration Link:

<https://www.lahcfd.org/preparing-for-emergencies/take-a-class/animal-preparedness/>

Activity # 2: Wildfire Emergency Preparedness Workbook

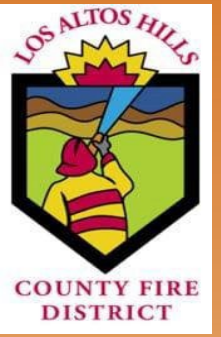
**Upcoming
Classes: Be
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Prepared: Build a
First Aid Kit-
March 28, 2026**

**Be Ready Be
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Go Bag- April 18,
2026**

Wildfire Emergency Preparedness Workbook- Review pages 5 & 8

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Stay Informed: Sign up for Alerts & know your local resources



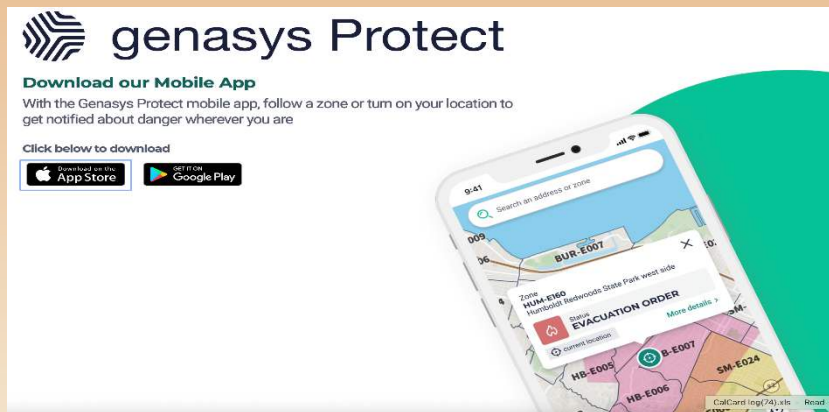
If you are not safe at home, work or school due to a disaster, you will need to go to a safe place and meet up with people you care about

Be ready to go in the safest direction, to the nearest safe place, with little warning

Follow the guidance of local authorities

They will share the latest information with news stations and know the best ways to keep you safe.

Instructions might come from your fire department, sheriff or police department, or from elected officials, like mayors or supervisors



Dial 2-1-1 for information on safe evacuation routes and shelters.





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Activity # 3: Sign up for Super Bowl LX Alerts

Text "SBLX" to 888777

Receive timely updates about safety issues, weather, big transit disruptions, and other event impacts.

SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

Fans Cross Counties, Alerts Don't

You may be visiting *one county* and *attending big game events in other counties*. To get emergency alerts wherever you are, you should opt in to those local alert systems.

County of Santa Clara City of Santa Clara	County of San Mateo	City of San Francisco
SIGN UP FOR ALERTS		
Text: SBLX to 888-777 Online: AlertSCC.org	Text: SUPERBOWL to 672-83 Online: SMCAAlert.info	Text: SUPERBOWLSF to 888-777 Online: AlertSF.org
Watching the Game?	Traveling Through?	Attending Events?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Super Bowl LX San Jose Mineta International Airport Caltrain BART VTA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highway 101/280 San Francisco International Airport Caltrain BART SamTrans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staying in the area Ferry Caltrain BART Muni
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Sign up for Alerts



Santa Clara County Emergency Alerts



Register at alertscc.org

Town of Los Altos Hills Emergency Alerts



Register at bit.ly/nixleLAH or text your zip code to **888777**

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Stay Informed: Resource Apps



Genasys Protect

Evacuation zone information
(formerly Zonehaven)



Watch Duty

Wildfire alerts



MyShake

Early earthquake warnings



PG&E Report It App

Report non-emergency safety concerns related to PG&E electrical equipment



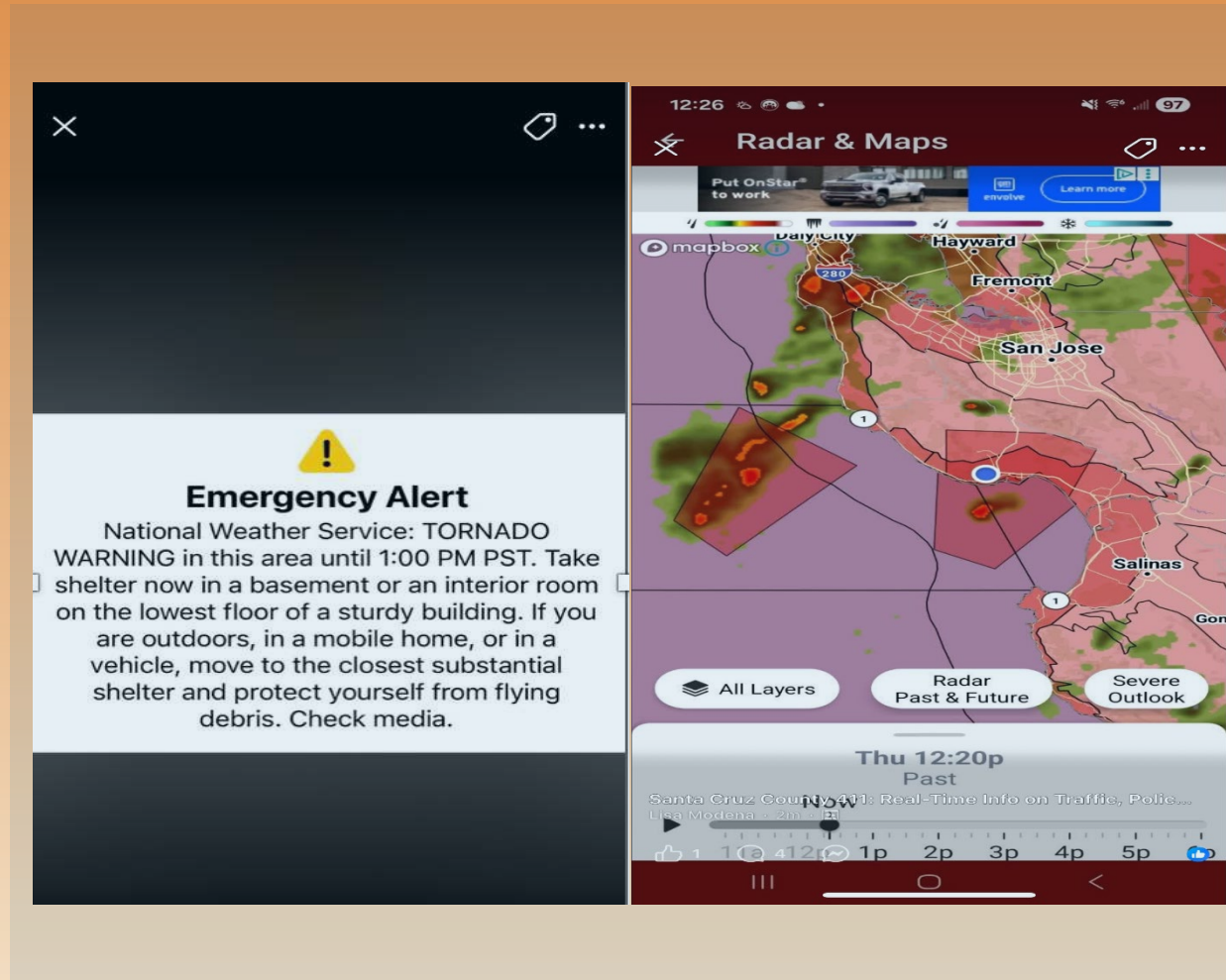
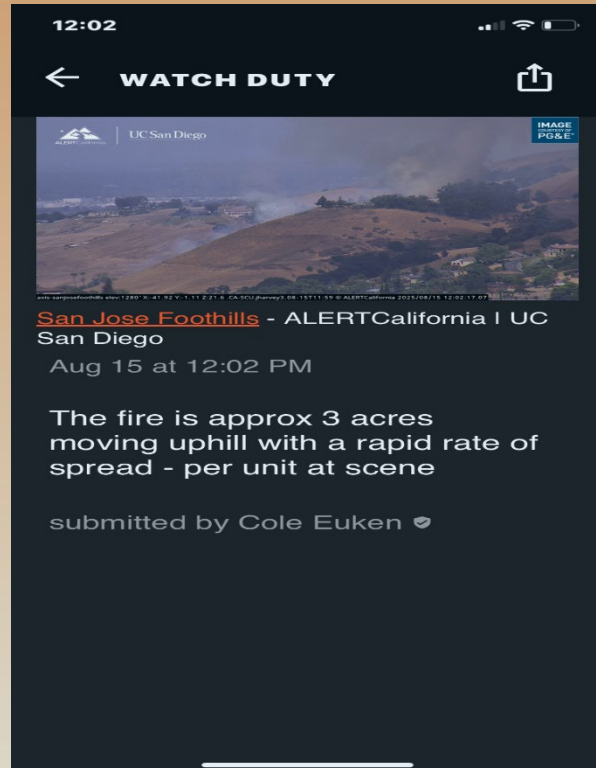
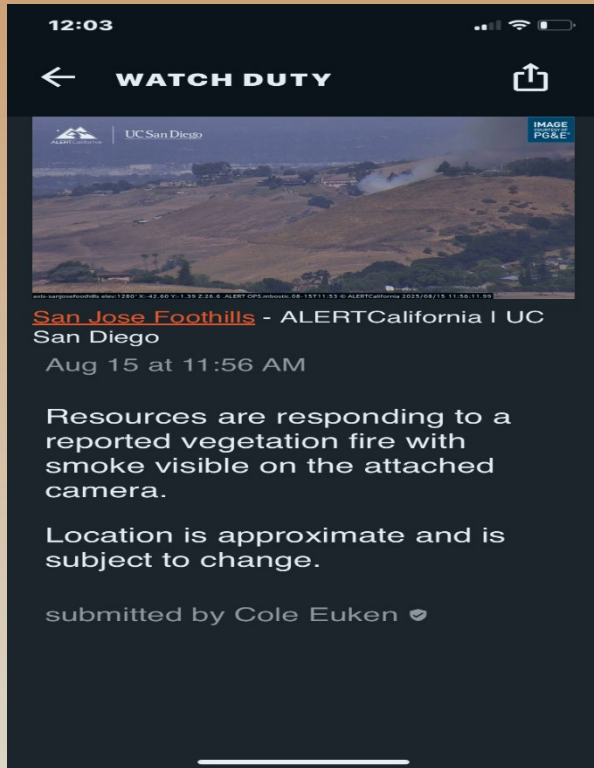
PulsePoint

pulsepoint.org/download

Immediate notifications of emergencies occurring in your community

Stay Informed: Watch Duty & Alert Examples

Elena Fire





Basic Tips for Any Disaster



Everyone you care for should carry identification.



Put written identification in children's school bags.



Consider a medical alert tag or bracelet.



Get pets updated tags and microchips.



Photos of families and pets can help you reunite.



Carry Identification: Families may be apart when disaster strikes. People and pets get separated.



Build a Support Network: Have a backup plan in case of emergency. Think about who you can rely on.



Keep car gas tank at least half full.



GO BAG

Activity # 4: Wildfire Emergency Preparedness Workbook

Activity # 4 : Handout Ready. Set. Prep.



LOS ALTOS HILLS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

READY. SET. PREP.

Use this guide to sign up for alerts and reliable information before, during and after emergencies.

Before the Next Disaster

To ensure you're prepared for the next disaster, sign up for AlertSCC and Nixle notifications. You'll receive critical emergency alerts directly to your phone, providing life-saving information about impending disasters like wildfires, earthquakes, or floods.

1

AlertSCC is the County's official emergency alert & warning system. Register at alertscc.org to receive emergency warnings on mobile devices, emails, or landlines.

2

Nixle is the Town's emergency notification system, providing residents with timely updates on both emergency and non-emergency situations. Register at bit.ly/nixleLAH or text your zip code to **888777**.

3

Designate an Out-of-Area Contact

Long distance calls may be the best way to communicate with family and friends when local phone systems are overloaded. Designate a person who lives at least 200 miles away. Instruct everyone in your family to call that person and use them as your message center.

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During an Emergency: Trusted Sources for Information

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<p>Local Town & Fire District Social Media Platforms</p>	<p>Town of Los Altos Hills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • losaltoshills.ca.gov • bit.ly/nextdoorLAH • facebook.com/TownofLosAltosHills • instagram.com/lahparksandrec • x.com/TownofLAH 	<p>Los Altos Hills County Fire District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lahcfd.org • bit.ly/nextdoorLAHCFD • facebook.com/LAHCFD • instagram.com/lahcfd • x.com/LAHCFD
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<p>Local Emergency Service Agencies</p>	<p>Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Management (OEM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facebook.com/sccoem • instagram.com/santaclaracountyemergencies • x.com/SCCOEM <p>Santa Clara County Fire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sccfd.org • x.com/sccfiredept • facebook.com/sccfiredept 	<p>CAL FIRE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • x.com/CAL_FIRE • facebook.com/CALFIRESCU • instagram.com/calfire <p>CHP Alerts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • instagram.com/chpalerts • x.com/CHPALerts
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<p>Local Utilities and Agencies</p>	<p>PG&E</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pge.com/outages • x.com/pge4me • facebook.com/pacificgasandelectric <p>Purissima Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nextdoor.com/agency/purissima-hills-water-district-1 • 24/7 after hours call center: (650) 948-1217 	<p>California Water Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facebook.com/calwater • x.com/calwater <p>Valley Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facebook.com/SCVWD • instagram.com/scvwd • alert.valleywater.org Flood Watch Map <p>Inclement Weather</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • weather.gov NOAA National Weather Service
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<p>No cell coverage? Try these backup options:</p>	<p>Radio Station 89.7 FM KFJC (www.kfjc.org) The Foothill College radio station will be used to broadcast updates during emergencies (or when phones are not working) on the hour and half hour.</p> <p>Radio Station KCBS 740 AM & 106.9 FM (kbsradio.com) Alternate radio station for county-wide information. Town-specific information will not be broadcast as frequently as on Foothill College KFJC radio.</p> <p>Ham Radio Ham radios can communicate with the Town if other methods fail. Town frequencies: LAH Repeater 146.745 MHz, negative offset, PL 110.9Hz; or simplex 147.435 MHz.</p>
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LOS ALTOS HILLS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

For more information: lahcfd.org

ACTIVITY # 4:

Wildfire Emergency Preparedness Workbook



Wildfire Emergency Preparedness Workbook: 3rd Annual Wildfire Community Preparedness Day & Firewise USA Map

Firewise USA Info:
[LAHCFD Firewise USA](#)

Email:
[Firewiseinfo @lahcfd.org](mailto:Firewiseinfo@lahcfd.org)

**Wildfire Community
Preparedness Day Info:**

<https://www.nfpa.org/events/wildfire-community-preparedness-day>

SAVE THE DATE!

The Los Altos Hills County Fire District's Third Annual
**WILDFIRE COMMUNITY
PREPAREDNESS DAY**

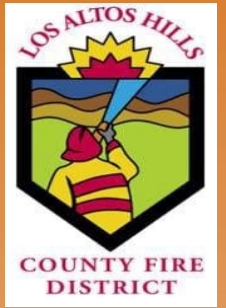
Saturday, May 2, 2026

Los Altos Hills Town Hall

In-person or Webinar Registration Available March 2026



Join CERT & Stay Prepared!



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

CERT is a nationally recognized FEMA program that trains residents to:

- Help neighbors during disasters
- Perform light search & rescue
- Provide basic first aid and triage
- Use fire extinguishers safely
- Communicate effectively during emergencies
- Support emergency responders when 9-1-1 is overwhelmed

Classes held by Santa Clara County Fire Department (Hybrid)

Visit: www.sccfd.org/CERT



For More CERT Info: [LAHCFD CERT](http://LAHCFD.CERT)



THANK YOU!

Questions?

[Email: education@lahcfd.org](mailto:education@lahcfd.org)

[Website: www.lahcfd.org](http://www.lahcfd.org)