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# Be Ready Be Prepared: Inclement Weather

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Presented by the Los Altos Hills County Fire District Staff

# Welcome and Introductions



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### Housekeeping/Safety:

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Restrooms

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Two ways out of the Chambers

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Evacuation Meet at Parking lot by circle



# Class Objectives



## What will be taught:

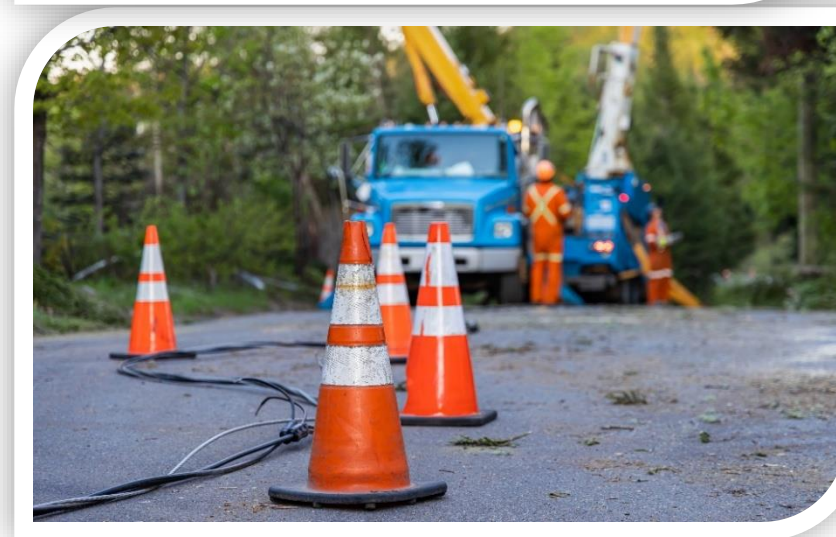
- Types of inclement weather and unique challenges that affect Los Altos Hills and surrounding areas
- Learn steps to prepare for inclement weather on your property & for your own personal preparedness
- Learn how to get information on inclement weather events & alerts and warnings
- Find out how you can help your family, neighbors, and community prepare



# Inclement Weather Can Affect Lives

**Inclement Weather Events** such as floods and heatwaves can have devastating effects on our lives-

- These events can lead to injuries, premature deaths, and exacerbate existing health conditions
- They can also cause psychological trauma and disrupt access to essential health care services
- The immediate impacts include flooded roads, destroyed homes, and displaced people, while long term-consequences can include economic damage and a slower recovery rate
- The overall effects of extreme weather on health and well being are significant and multi faceted



# Inclement Weather Can Affect Lives



Inclement weather events are increasing in frequency and severity



Los Altos Hills and surrounding areas are particularly vulnerable due to its geography and climate



Personal Preparedness can save lives and protect property



# What are the Weather Hazards and Unique Challenges in Los Altos Hills and Surrounding Areas



## Primary Weather-Related Hazards:

### High Winds:

Can cause fallen trees, downed power lines, and fire spread

### Heavy Rainstorms:

Can lead to flooding, landslides, and infrastructure damage



## Unique Challenges in the Los Altos Hills areas:

Hilly terrain and narrow roads can make evacuations difficult

Many homes rely on wells and septic systems, which may fail during storms

# What are the Weather Hazards and Unique Challenges in Los Altos Hills and Surrounding Areas



## Primary Weather-Related Hazards:

**Flooding:** Threatens homes, roadways, and emergency response efforts.

**Landslides:** Occur due to unstable soil after prolonged rainfall

**Power Outages:** Often accompany severe weather, impacting communication and safety



## Unique Challenges in the Los Altos Hills areas:

**What about increased response times for emergency vehicles based on semi-rural environment?**

**What are some other challenges?**

# Heavy Rainstorms: Atmospheric River Events



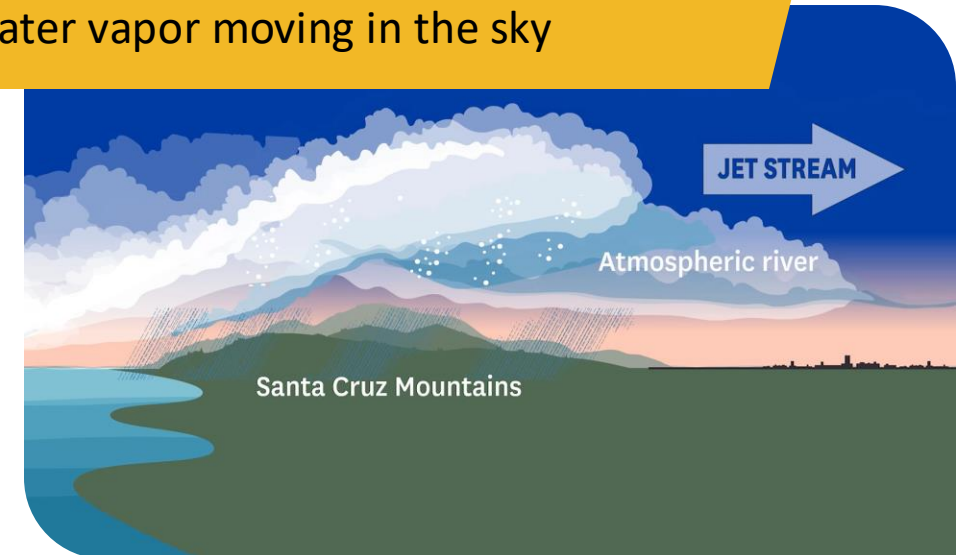
An **Atmospheric River** is a narrow band of concentrated water vapor in the atmosphere.

- Can be thousands of miles long and hundreds of miles wide
- Brings intense rainfall over a short period with powerful wind gusts
- Frequent on the U.S. West Coast, especially during winter

## Potential Effects:

- Flooding
- Flash flooding
- Landslides
- Erosion
- Downed trees and powerlines
- Infrastructure damage (e.g. culverts and roads)
- Snowmelt, avalanches

Similar to a river where water is moving over land, an atmospheric river is a stream of water vapor moving in the sky



# Flooding



## What causes flooding:

- Heavy rains overwhelm drainage systems
- Creeks and streams overflow, impacting roads and homes

## Flood Risks:

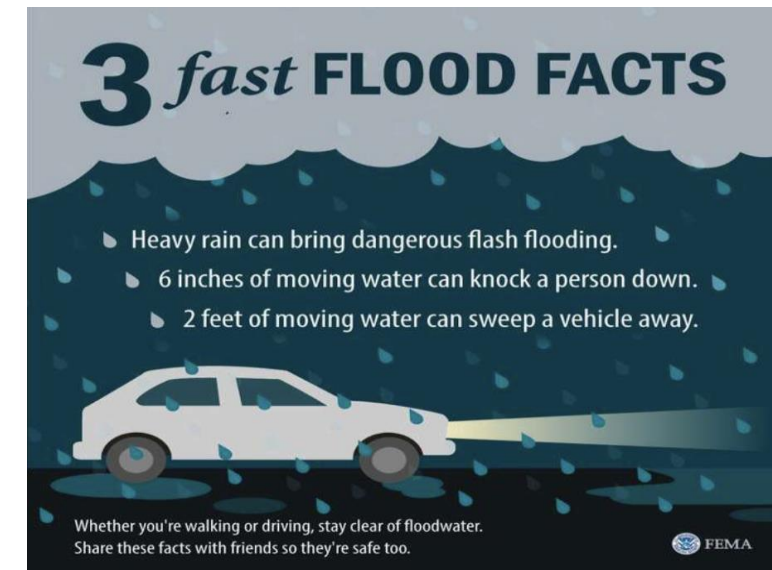
- Understand the shallow water flooding risks; don't drive through standing water
- Areas downstream in lower lying areas are at greater risk
- Water current, hidden objects, uncovered infrastructure lids, and down power lines

## Communications:

Listen to and follow alerts communicated to the public via:

- Radio or Television
- Emergency Alert Systems
- Other local communication systems

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# Flooding



## Risks to the Community:

- Threatens homes, roadways, and emergency response efforts

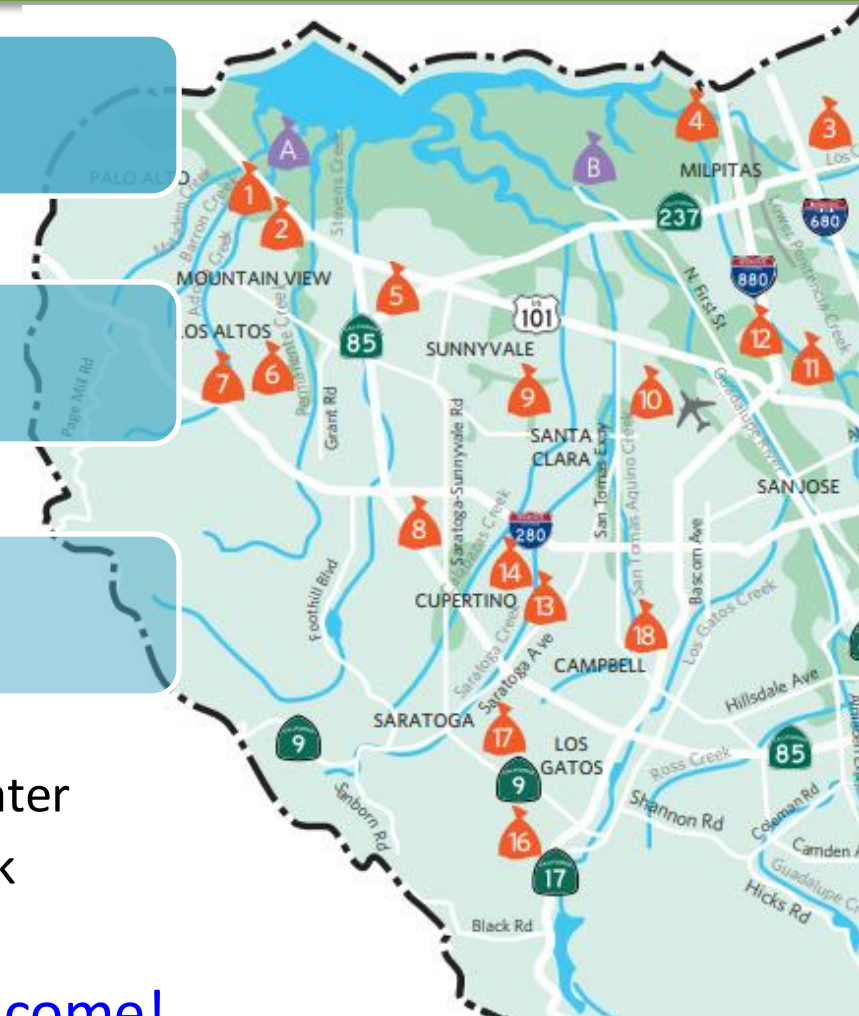
## What to do:

- Know “Two Ways Out”

## What you should know:

- Do you know your flood risk?
- Understand the Shallow flooding risks; don't drive through standing water
- Are you in a Flood Zone? Visit the FEMA Flood Map Service Center link below:

[FEMA Flood Map Service Center | Welcome!](#)



# Valley Water Sandbag Distribution Centers



## Flooding in the Santa Clara Valley can occur with little warning-

- Heavy winter rains can cause flooding in minutes
- The heaviest rains and flooding are most likely to occur between November and March, so now's the time to begin preparing
- For questions about sandbags, webcam access to view sandbag availability at select sites, and other information, visit Valley Water online at [valleywater.org/sandbags](http://valleywater.org/sandbags)

**Sandbag Locations**

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**GET FLOOD READY with sandbags**

**VALLEY WATER SANDBAG STATIONS**

**FILLED SANDBAGS. VALLEY WATER OFFERS FREE SANDBAGS FOR RESIDENTS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY. LOOSE SAND AND EMPTY BAGS FOR SELF-FILLING ARE ALSO AVAILABLE; PLEASE BRING A SHOVEL, JUST IN CASE. BAGS MAY BE HEAVY, CONSIDER BRINGING ASSISTANCE TO LOAD BAGS.**

**A. Palo Alto:** 1925 Embarcadero Road, adjacent to Palo Alto Air Terminal.

**B. Alviso:** Located behind George Mayne Elementary School, 9030 N 1st St., (entrance on Wilson Way behind school).

**C. San Jose:** City Central Service Yard, 1661 Senior Road at Phelan Ave.

**D. San Jose:** Valley Water Winfield Warehouse, 5905 Winfield Blvd., between Blossom Hill Rd. and Coleman Ave. Bag pickup street access only.

**E. Morgan Hill:** El Toro Fire Station, 18300 Old Monterey Rd., next to the Union Pacific Railroad overpass above Monterey Highway.

**OTHER SOURCES OF FILLED OR UNFILLED SANDBAGS**

**BAGS AND SAND. OTHER SOURCES ALSO PROVIDE BAGS AND SAND. PLEASE BRING A SHOVEL AND ASSISTANCE FOR LOADING HEAVY BAGS, IF NECESSARY. BE AWARE THAT SOME SITES REQUIRE PROOF OF RESIDENCY:**

- 1. Palo Alto:** Mitchell Park, 600 E. Meadow Dr. near baseball field. Bags and sand. 650-496-6974.
- 2. Palo Alto:** Rinconada Park Tennis Court Parking Lot (Intersection of Hopkins Ave. and Nowall Rd.). Filled bags. 650-496-6974.
- 3. Milpitas:** Sport Center Parking Lot at 1225 E. Calaveras Blvd. Filled bags available. 408-586-2600. After hours: 408-586-2399.
- 4. Mountain View:** Public Services, 231 N. Whisman Rd. Bags and sand at parking lot. Must bring shovel. 650-947-6395.
- 5. Los Altos:** Municipal Service Center, 707 Fremont Ave. at McKenzia Park Field. Must bring bag and shovel. 650-947-7222.
- 6. Los Altos Hills:** Corporation Yard, 27500 Portolaoma Rd. at Little League Field. Must bring bag and shovel. 650-947-7222.
- 7. Cupertino:** City Corporation Yard, 10555 Mary Ave. Filled bags available. 408-777-3269.
- 8. Sunnyvale:** Corporation Yard, 221 Commercial St. at end of California St. Filled bags. 408-730-7566. After hours: 408-730-7490.
- 9. Santa Clara:** City Corporation Yard, 1700 Wash Ave. Filled bags at front door. Daytime: 408-615-3080. After hours: 408-615-5640.
- 10. San Jose:** City Mabury Yard, 1404 Mabury Rd. Bags and sand provided. 408-277-4373.
- 11. San Jose:** City West Yard, 5090 Williams Rd. Filled bags outside gate. 408-343-3100.
- 12. San Jose:** County East Yard, 1505 Schallenger Rd. 408-494-2750.
- 13. San Jose:** County West Yard, 10330 Doyle Rd. Bags and sand outside gate. Must bring shovel. 408-366-3100. After hours: 408-299-2507.
- 14. San Martin:** County South Yard, 13600 Murphy Ave. Bags and sand. 408-683-1240.
- 15. Los Gatos/Monte Sereno:** 41 Miles Ave. at Balzer Field parking lot (Monte Sereno citizens pick up at Los Gatos site). Bags and sand. 408-399-5770. After hours: 408-354-8600.
- 16. Saratoga:** Corporation Yard, 19700 Alkendale Ave., near Post Office. Self-fill bags. Bags and sand provided outside gate. 408-868-1245.
- 17. Campbell:** Service Center, 290 South Dillon Ave. Bags and sand available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Must bring shovel. 408-866-2145.
- 18. Morgan Hill:** City Corporation Yard, 100 Edes Ct. Bags and sand outside gate. Must bring shovel. 408-776-7333.
- 19. Gilroy:** Corporation Yard, 613 Old Gilroy St. Bags and sand. Must bring shovel. 408-846-0370.

\*All 'Bags and Sand' sites are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week unless otherwise noted.\*

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

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# Landslides and Mudslides

## Landslide Triggers:

- Prolonged rainfall saturates soil & reduces slope stability
- Earthquakes & construction weaken slopes, increasing risk
- Removal of vegetation exposes soil to erosion

## Mudslide Triggers:

- Intense, short-duration rainfall leads to rapid soil movement
- Wildfires reduce vegetation, making soil less stable
- Steep slopes combined with loose or disturbed soil



# Activity: Evacuation Plan- Know “Two Ways Out”



## Wildfire Emergency Preparedness Workbook



## Evacuation Planning & Information

### Firewise USA Map

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

## Review & Complete Page 4

### PLAN OF ACTION

1) What are the escape routes from our home?

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2) Where will we meet near our home?

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3) If we cannot return home or are asked to evacuate, what is the meeting place outside of our neighborhood?

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4) What is our route to get there and an alternate route, if the first route is impassable?

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# How to prepare your property for incoming weather events



When the forecast calls for incoming storms, start preparing your house & property by:

1. Clearing all gutters from debris
2. Trim trees and branches away from the house
3. Secure all patio furniture or remove from outside
4. Inspect roof and identify any leaks
5. Know where your electricity, water and gas shutoffs are
6. Charge Flashlights, phones and have backup battery packs charged
7. Invest in a generator or backup power source
8. Charge all necessary devices including small battery backups
9. Stock up on batteries, non-perishable food



# High Winds and Wildfires

## Understanding Red Flag Warnings:

- Issued when weather conditions (high winds, low humidity) increase fire risk
- How residents should respond: reduce outdoor activities, prepare for evacuation

## LA Wildfires & Santa Ana Winds:

- Winds spread fires rapidly, making containment difficult
- Property damage exceeded billions of dollars
- Ember cast was a huge component of wildfire spread



**WHAT IS A RED FLAG WARNING**

A warning issued when **critical fire weather conditions** are happening or about to happen.

It does not necessarily mean there is a fire, but that conditions will be very dry and windy. If a fire is present, it can become extreme!

**Avoid activities that could spark a wildfire!**

- ✓ Make your wildfire plan, w 2 evacuation routes
- ✓ Maintain your go kit
- ✓ Follow fire prevention tips
- ✓ Listen to local officials for evacuation orders

Icons: No smoking, No open flames, No fireworks, No power lines.

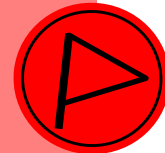
# Why Pay Attention to Red Flag Warnings?



A **Fire Weather Watch** means critical fire weather conditions are *possible*. Be prepared



A **Red Flag Warning** means elevated fire danger due to warm temperatures, very low humidity, and sustained winds or frequent gusts of more than 25 mph



## During a Red Flag Warning:

- Close all house and car windows, even when you aren't inside
- Move flammable materials, such as outdoor cushions, inside your home or garage
- Remove dead shrubbery around your house
- Monitor alert systems for up-to-date information regarding evacuation plans

## Avoid:

- Backyard fires or using burn barrels
- Using powered equipment that creates sparks
- Parking vehicles on dry grass
- Throwing cigarettes or matches out of a moving vehicle



# Prepare BEFORE a Red Flag Warning



Maintain defensible space around homes

Remove dry leaves & debris from gutters, decks & around foundations

Secure outdoor furniture & decorations

Make sure your Go Bag is packed

Keep an evacuation plan updated

Remain vigilant about your surroundings



# Fire Smart Landscaping



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# Home Hardening & Zero Zone



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# Power Outages & Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)

## Why Public Safety Power Shutoffs Happen:

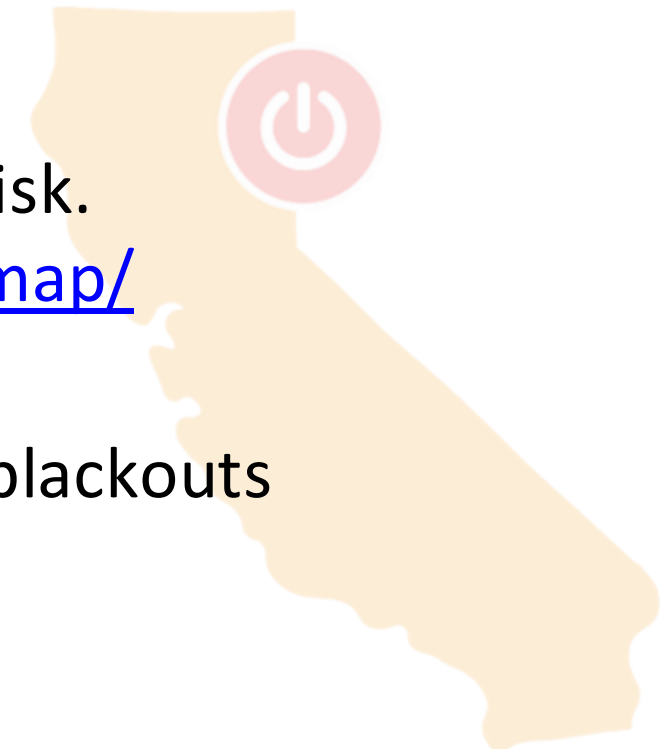
- High winds increase risk of power line-related fires.
- PG&E shuts off power preemptively to reduce wildfire risk.
- <https://pgealerts.alerts.pge.com/outage-tools/outage-map/>

## Impact on Daily Life:

- Food spoilage, medical device failures, communication blackouts
- Schools, businesses, and transportation disrupted

## Preparation Strategies:

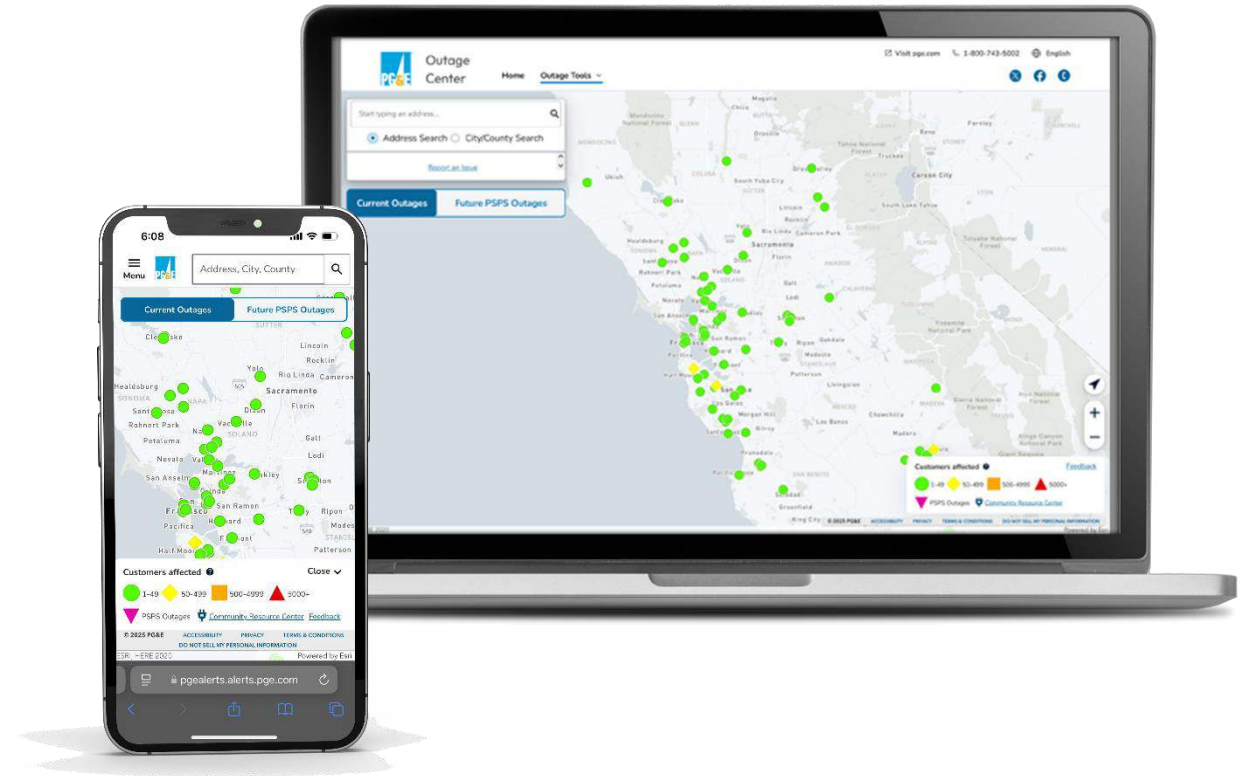
- Invest in a generator or backup power source.
- Charge all necessary devices before an anticipated shutoff.
- Stock up on batteries, non-perishable food, and water



## Sign up for Public Safety Power Shut Off Notifications

<https://www.pge.com/en/outage-s-and-safety/safety/community-wildfire-safety-program/public-safety-power-shutoffs.html>

- Get outage status for your address and neighborhood
- Report an outage
- View outage map



# Prepare in 4 Steps : TAKE ACTION NOW!



1. Sign Up for Alerts



2. Make a Plan



3. Build an Emergency Supply Kit



4. Help Family, Friends, and Neighbors

# Emergency Alerts and Warnings

## AlertSCC

Countywide emergency notification system

## Nixle

Town specific alerts & public safety messages

## Emergency Alert System (EAS)

Sends alerts via TV and radio

## Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)

Sends texts directly to mobile phones

Santa Clara County Emergency Alerts



Register at [alertscc.org](http://alertscc.org)



Town of Los Altos Hills Emergency Alerts



Register at [bit.ly/nixleLAH](http://bit.ly/nixleLAH) or text your  
zip code to **888777**



# What If I Don't Have Wi-Fi Access or Power to Get Information?



## WR120 NOAA Weather & Emergency Alert Radio



**Silent until warning alerts in your area**

**Does not tune into AM/FM Radio**

## NOAA Crank/Battery Weather Radio



**SANTA CLARA COUNTY stations broadcasting emergency information:**

**KCBS 740AM /106.9 FM**

**KGO 810 AM, KQED 88.5 FM, KSOL 98.9 (Spanish)**

# Local Radio Stations for Emergency Information



Radio Station KFJC 89.7 FM

- Foothill College's radio station, KFJC 89.7 FM, provides emergency updates when phones are down
- Tune in at the top and half of the hour or listen online at [www.kfjc.org](http://www.kfjc.org)



## Countywide Updates on KCBS 740 AM & 106.9 FM

- KCBS provides regional emergency updates. Less town-specific info than KFJC
- Listen on-air or online at [kcbsradio.com](http://kcbsradio.com)



# “THERE’S AN APP FOR THAT”



## PulsePoint

[pulsepoint.org/download](https://pulsepoint.org/download)

Immediate notifications of emergencies occurring in your community



## Genasys (formerly Zonehaven)

Know your evacuation zone

[protect.genasys.com](https://protect.genasys.com)



## Watch Duty

[app.watchduty.org](https://app.watchduty.org)

Alerts you of nearby wildfires and firefighting efforts in real-time



## Earthquake Network

[sismo.app](https://sismo.app)

Real time earthquake alerts



## MyShake

[myshake.berkeley.edu](https://myshake.berkeley.edu)

Earthquake early warnings

### Additional Resources:

- Los Altos Hills County Fire District [www.lahcfd.org](https://www.lahcfd.org).
- [lahcfd.org/alerts](https://lahcfd.org/alerts) for more trusted resources
- Follow local and regional emergency services on social media
- Bookmark [weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov) for weather advisories

# Where can I report emergencies or damage?



## Life threatening conditions: CALL 911



### PG&E Report It App

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



### Town Emergency and After-hours Phone Numbers:

<https://losaltoshills.ca.gov/174/Important-Phone-Numbers>



To report a clogged storm drain or weather-related issues, please use [losaltoshills.portal.iworq.net/portalhome/losaltoshills](https://losaltoshills.portal.iworq.net/portalhome/losaltoshills) or call 650-941-7222

# 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



# Review: Family Emergency Plans



## Wildfire Emergency Preparedness Workbook



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## Evacuation Planning & Information

### Firewise USA Map

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Complete Pages 2 & 3

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### FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY LAST NAME(S):  
\_\_\_\_\_

HOUSEHOLD ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

#### FAMILY MEMBERS HOUSEHOLD CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:	Cell Phone:	Email:	Home Phone:
_____	_____	_____	_____

Name:	Cell Phone:	Email:	Home Phone:
_____	_____	_____	_____

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### FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

#### PET(S) INFORMATION

Name:	Type:	Color:	Registration#:
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Name:	Type:	Color:	Registration#:
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#### OUR EMERGENCY CONTACTS OUTSIDE OF THE IMMEDIATE AREA

Name:	Cell Phone:	Email:	Home Phone:
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Name:	Cell Phone:	Email:	Home Phone:
_____	_____	_____	_____

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# Activity: Review Plans & Include Neighbors-



## Wildfire Emergency Preparedness Workbook



## Evacuation Planning & Information

### Firewise USA Map

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Review & Complete Pages 9 & 11

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### NEIGHBORS

- Who needs help?
- Who is home during the day?
- Who has kids? Pets?
- Do you share contact info?



Name:	Address:	
Cell Phone:	Home Phone:	Email:

Name:	Address:	
Cell Phone:	Home Phone:	Email:

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### EVACUATION PLAN

**Evacuation Plan- Some information may overlap with Family Emergency Plan above, but have you done it?**

- When will you leave? Uncomfortable, Alert or mandatory notice?
- Designate 2 meeting locations
  - One right outside home
  - One outside your neighborhood
- Know your escape routes
  - From your home
  - From your neighborhood
- Have an evacuation plan for pets and livestock
- Have a family communication plan
  - Who is your out of area contact?
  - How will kids get picked up from school?
  - How will you connect with each other's office or location?
- How do you access voicemail from alternate phone? Number and PIN
- Consider changing your outgoing voicemail greeting after evacuating include:
  - Your safety
  - Your location
  - Outside contact person's info



### IS YOUR PLAN IN WRITING?

**DO ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS KNOW IT? HAVE YOU PRACTICED?**

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# How can I prepare my family communication in disaster?

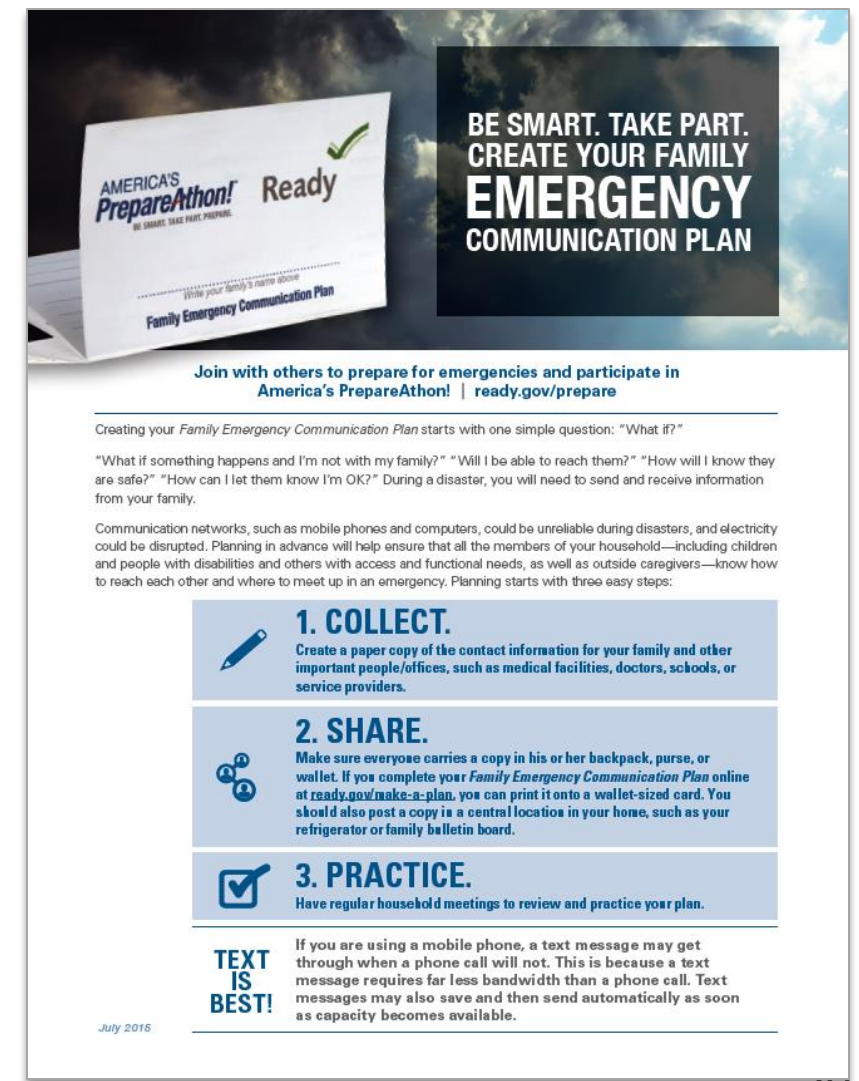
Have a family emergency communication plan:



Scan to download

This PDF guide can help you plan:

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



**AMERICA'S PrepareAthon! Ready**  
BE SMART. TAKE PART. CREATE YOUR FAMILY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION PLAN

Write your family's name above  
Family Emergency Communication Plan

Join with others to prepare for emergencies and participate in America's PrepareAthon! | [ready.gov/prepare](https://ready.gov/prepare)

Creating your *Family Emergency Communication Plan* starts with one simple question: "What if?"

"What if something happens and I'm not with my family?" "Will I be able to reach them?" "How will I know they are safe?" "How can I let them know I'm OK?" During a disaster, you will need to send and receive information from your family.

Communication networks, such as mobile phones and computers, could be unreliable during disasters, and electricity could be disrupted. Planning in advance will help ensure that all the members of your household—including children and people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, as well as outside caregivers—know how to reach each other and where to meet up in an emergency. Planning starts with three easy steps:

- 1. COLLECT.**  
Create a paper copy of the contact information for your family and other important people/offices, such as medical facilities, doctors, schools, or service providers.
- 2. SHARE.**  
Make sure everyone carries a copy in his or her backpack, purse, or wallet. If you complete your *Family Emergency Communication Plan* online at [ready.gov/make-a-plan](https://ready.gov/make-a-plan), you can print it onto a wallet-sized card. You should also post a copy in a central location in your home, such as your refrigerator or family bulletin board.
- 3. PRACTICE.**  
Have regular household meetings to review and practice your plan.

**TEXT IS BEST!**  
If you are using a mobile phone, a text message may get through when a phone call will not. This is because a text message requires far less bandwidth than a phone call. Text messages may also save and then send automatically as soon as capacity becomes available.

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# Neighborhood Preparedness Plan



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## Build Connections:

- Connect with 3-5 neighbors.
- Share emergency contact info & resources

2

## Create Communication Network:

- Create a group chat or email list to share emergency & neighborhood updates

3

## Identify Vulnerable Neighbors:

- Create support network for those needing extra help (seniors, families w/ young children, medical needs)

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## Exchange Emergency Plans & Resources:

- Share evacuation info, emergency contacts, & critical supplies (generators, first aid, tools)

5

## Stay Informed:

- Sign up for AlertSCC, & Nixle to receive real-time emergency alerts & evacuation notices

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## Host Neighborhood Meetups:

- Discuss preparedness & keep your support network strong

# Assembling an Emergency Kit



- **3 Day Supply of Food & Water**

**DON'T FORGET YOUR DOCUMENTS**  
when packing for an emergency!

- **Copies of Important Documents in Waterproof Bag & Cash**



- **First aid kit**
- **Medications**
- **Medical supplies**



## Personal Hygiene Items:

- **Toothbrush,**
- **Toilet paper,**
- **Masks,**
- **Hand Sanitizer,**
- **Eye Care**



- **Flashlights**
- **Extra batteries**
- **Hand-crank radio**
- **Phone Chargers**



## Pet Supplies:

- **Medications,**
- **Food Leash & Harness,**
- **Water & Food Bowl**

# Review: Go Bags & First Aid Kits-

## Wildfire Emergency Preparedness Workbook



## Evacuation Planning & Information

### Firewise USA Map

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

## Review Pages 5 & 8

### GO BAG

- 3-day supply of food and water
- Evacuation map and contact list
- Prescriptions
- Eyeglasses/contact supplies
- Extra keys/credit cards/cash
- Cell Phone and chargers
- Copies of important documents
- Change of clothes
- Flashlight/radio/ extra batteries
- Sanitation supplies
- Pet supplies, food, water, waste bags, carrier, leash
- Pet vet, vaccine records & medical records, medicine, picture of you with your pet
- Shoes
- Comfort item(s) ie kids stuffed animal
- Work gloves, hat
- Safety goggles



### SPECIALTY ITEMS TO THINK ABOUT

- Easily carried valuables, jewelry, small art, figurines, coins, certificates
- Safe deposit box or lock box keys
- Photos
- PC or hard drive and chargers
- Originals of important papers or copies, birth certificate, passport
- Other medical info, health insurance card, list of doctors, pharmacy, hard copies of prescriptions

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### BASIC FIRST AID KIT ITEMS

- Variety of bandages
- Antibiotic ointment
- Antiseptic wipes
- Tweezers
- Cold compress
- Gloves
- Gauze pads and roller bandages
- Thermometer
- Pain reliever
- Water bottle
- Face mask for smoke rated N95
- Specialty supplies ie. Diabetes, prescription meds, etc.



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# Be Ready Be Prepared: Build a First Aid Kit

# Be Ready Be Prepared: Make a Go Bag

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## Be Ready Be Prepared: Make a Go Bag

April 18, 2026



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Saturday April 18, 2026

Presented by the Los Altos Hills County Fire District Staff

# LAHCFD Community Preparedness Programs



**FIREWISE USA®**  
Residents reducing wildfire risks



*Register online: [lahcfd.org/hiz](http://lahcfd.org/hiz)*



- Learn to take proactive steps to prevent wildfires and reduce fire risks
- Learn to create defensible space, brush clearing & improve home safety
- A nationally recognized & supported program backed by fire experts to make communities safer

- Educates volunteers on disaster preparedness & identifying hazards
- Learn basic disaster response skills: Fire safety, Light search and rescue, Team organization, Basic medical

- Onsite evaluation of your property to identify wildfire ignition risks
- Personalized HIZ Report with recommendations to mitigate fire risk
- Up to \$3000.00 in matching funds for completing rebate-eligible defensible space improvements

# Want More Preparedness Information?



## [Red Cross mobile app](#)

Customize 40 different weather alerts with fast notifications



## [Cadre.org](#)

(Collaborating Agencies' Disaster Relief Effort) is a leading network of organizations that provide community services that are essential in times of disaster



## [PrepareSCC](#)

Emergencies and disasters happen. Prepare now in 4 easy steps



## [FIRMS | Fire Information for Resource Management System](#)

Satellite fire detection updated every 6h



## [Ready.gov](#)

Plan ahead for disasters



## [PBS WARN | Warning, Alert & Response Network](#)

Map can be localized to our area. Good for alerts through PAWS

# Operational Area Coordination Calls



The County of Santa Clara Office of Supportive Housing (OSH) typically communicates the need to a Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Duty Chief for an Operational Area (OA or County) Coordination Call when OSH activation triggers or criteria is met affecting the vulnerable population.

# Operational Area Coordination Calls



A meeting call Invite and Agenda is sent to partner agencies to make sure everyone is aware, amplifying consistent messaging, informed of resources available, unmet needs, and actions taken.

Current Situation determines the level of activation

## Call Objectives

Situational Awareness/Status

Interagency Information sharing and coordination

Identify outstanding needs and resource requests

Identify action items

Event Name:	Inclement Weather Event #1 – Call #4
Date:	February 20, 2026
Time:	2:00 PM
EOC Activation Level:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 4 - Duty Officer Status <input type="checkbox"/> Level 3 – Enhanced Coordination <input type="checkbox"/> Level 2 – Partial Activation <input type="checkbox"/> Level 1 – Full Activation



# County of Santa Clara Important Phone Numbers

## Emergency Resources and Services | Office of Emergency Management | County of Santa Clara



### Important Phone Numbers

County Services Departments About the County



#### For Access To Basic Needs: Food, Water, Shelter, and Mental health

- For referrals to emergency resource and services
  - United Way Bay Area: [2-1-1](tel:211)
- For mental health wellness and crisis
  - County of Santa Clara: [9-8-8](tel:9088)
- For housing and homeless services
  - Santa Clara County, Office of Supportive Housing: [\(408\) 385-2400](tel:4083852400)
  - HomeFirst Homeless Helpline:
    - Phone: [\(408\) 539-2105](tel:4085392105)
    - Email: [outreach@homefirstsc.org](mailto:outreach@homefirstsc.org)

#### For Power Outages, Electrical Problems, Or Downed Power Lines

PG&E: [1 \(800\)743-5000](tel:18007435000)

#### For Creek Flooding and Local Street Flood

For creek flooding and blockages, call Valley Water's Watershed: [\(408\) 630-2378](tel:4086302378)  
For local street flood, go to Valley Water site for your city [Public Works Department contact number](#).

**Thank you for Joining Us!**



**Questions?**

For more information, email: [education@lahcfd.org](mailto:education@lahcfd.org)