

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CHECK-UP



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AGENDA

- Quick overview: preparedness basics!
- Preparedness check-up
- Let's talk kits:
 - What to have, where to keep it
- Discussion:
 - What have you learned during shelter-in-place?
 - How have you (or will you!) strengthened your kit and your preparedness?



PREPAREDNESS BASICS

- Take an “All Hazards” approach!
- Register for emergency notifications
- Know where to get reliable information
- Know your evacuation routes
 - 2 ways out of your home
 - 2 ways out of your neighborhood
- Define an emergency communications plan for your household
- Get trained on basic first aid skills
- Make emergency preparedness kits and plans for your household

Earthquakes
Fire/Wildfire
Flood
Other Natural disasters

Natural gas, hazard chemical leaks
Power outages/PSPS
Other Technological Incidents

Terrorism
Other acts of crime

Pandemic!

PREPAREDNESS CHECK-UP: EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

- **AlertSCC**

- Local county emergency notification system sends alerts via voice, email and text messages
- Messages may be county-wide (like Shelter-in-Place notices!) or targeted by neighborhood
- www.alertscc.org
 - Register your home address and your contact info
 - Get everyone in your household registered



- **NIXLE**

- Get local notices, e.g. road closure due to an event or accident
- Text your zip code to the “phone number” 888-777



- **Emergency Alert System**

- The emergency alert system can be heard during a disaster by listening to a battery operated, solar, or hand crank radio
- Advises about emergencies such as national security, natural, environmental, and public safety information



PREPAREDNESS CHECK-UP: EVACUATION ROUTES

Where ever you are... How will you get out?

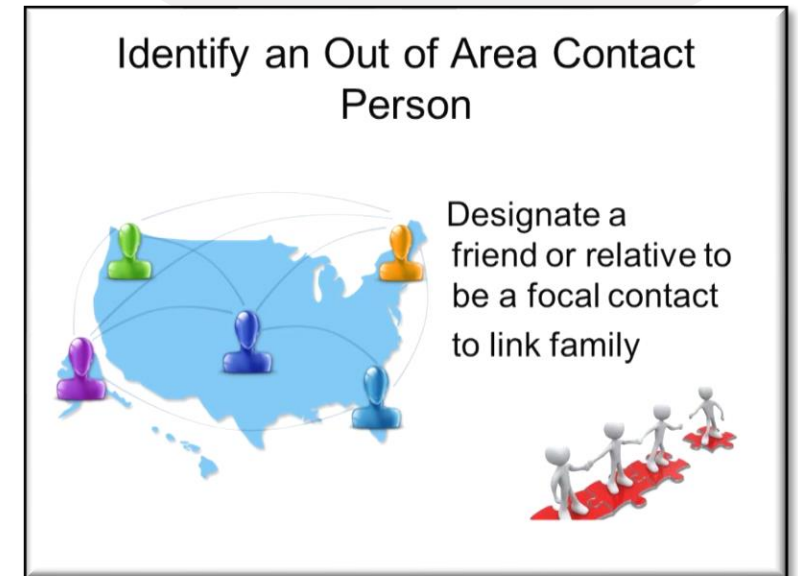
When do I evacuate my home?

- Local authorities advise evacuation
- Red Flag warning (for fire)
- Structure is on fire or approaching the structure
 - In a wildfire: *go early, don't wait!*
- Structure is structurally unsound or threatened by downed trees or power lines



PREPAREDNESS CHECK-UP: COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

- Make a reunification plan
 - House fire... Area-wide disaster...
 - Where will we meet up?
 - How will we find each other?
- Establish Out of Area Contacts
 - Telephone & cell phone service may be interrupted
 - Texting may not work
 - All household members need to have the same out-of-state contact



DISCUSSION

- What have you learned during shelter-in-place?
- How have you (or will you!) strengthened your kit and your preparedness?

Comments during the call:

- Canned food doesn't keep forever! I've replaced cans with freeze-dried food.
- I've changed out my water supply so it's fresh.
- I'm going to add a JetBoil to my kit.
- "Neighbors helping neighbors" really matters. Caring neighbors make a big difference right now. Call the seniors, widows, people who live alone in your neighborhood – even a short chat lifts spirits.
- Store your batteries separately from the device (put them in a Ziploc bag to keep together). Alkaline batteries last a long time this way.
- LifeStraw (for individuals) and LifeStraw Community (13 gallons) are good resources for water supply.
- I'm adding photo copies of important documents to my kit.
- You can add password protection/encryption to your thumb drive, and keep documents on that.
- I'm going to follow up on shelter-in-yard from Firesafe Council.
- I want to get my amateur radio license.
- I'm getting a new car charger kit for my cell phone.

OTHER GOOD INFO TO KNOW



- As **Fire Season** approaches:
 - Check your contact info in AlertSCC
 - Watch the news for Red Flag warnings
 - And... If you hear sirens in the neighborhood!
 - Get on PulsePoint and look; check the news
 - Evacuate if you feel unsafe



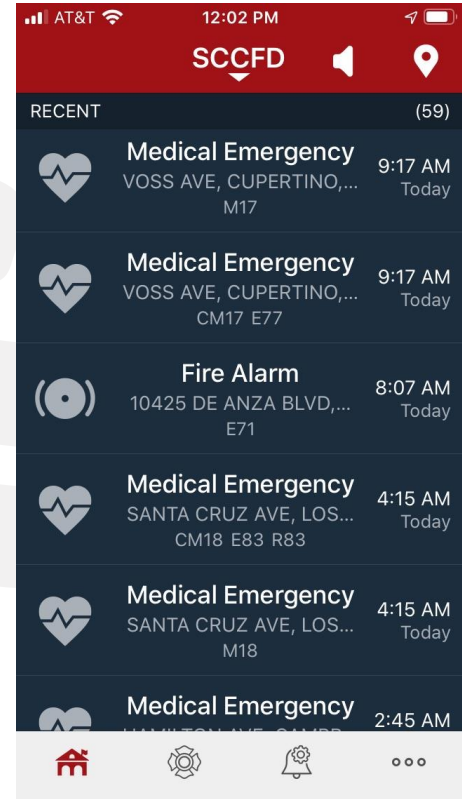
- **PulsePoint app**
 - Download this app to follow local Fire Department
 - Tells you where/what the call for service is



- **2-1-1**
 - Provides free non-emergency assistance 24- hours a day, 7 days a week, in over 140 different languages
 - Local community resource specialist can connect you to information and help

• Virtual training classes

- www.losaltosca.gov/prepares
- Email ahepenstal@losaltosca.gov or tell us in the chat what emergency preparedness classes you would like!



Los Altos PREPARES Training
 Los Altos PREPARES presents educational programming throughout the year on emergency preparedness topics. Please join us for these events and - Get Ready to Stay Safe!

Date	Event	Location	Time	Cost	To Register
On-Demand	Training on Family First-Aid Bag	2-Hour Webinar presented by Victoria Beebe, Los Altos Hills Fire District	N/A	Free	Click Here to view
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	COVID-19 Q&A with Dr. Yu	1-Hour Webinar (Advanced registration is required)	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Free	Click here to Register & for class description
May 6	Resilience & Psychological First Aid class - by Nick Arnett	2-Hour Webinar (Advanced registration is required)	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Free	Click here to Register & for class information
May 7	Emergency Preparedness Check-Up	15 Hour Webinar (Advanced registration is required)	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Free	Click here to Register & for class description
June 2	Emergency Preparedness Neighborhood Projects	15 Hour Webinar (Advanced registration is required)	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Free	Click here to Register & for class description
May 21	Responding to Disasters: Team Rubicon in	2-Hour Webinar (Advanced)	7:00 p.m. - 9:00	Free	Click here to Register & for class

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

LOS ALTOS
BLOCK ACTION TEAM

BAT –Block Action Team* leaders

**Block Action Team is a managed program of Los Altos Community Foundation in partnership with the City of Los Altos*



CERT – the Community Emergency Response Team

Los Altos and Los Altos Hills CERT programs invite you to get CERT-trained and to join our local teams!



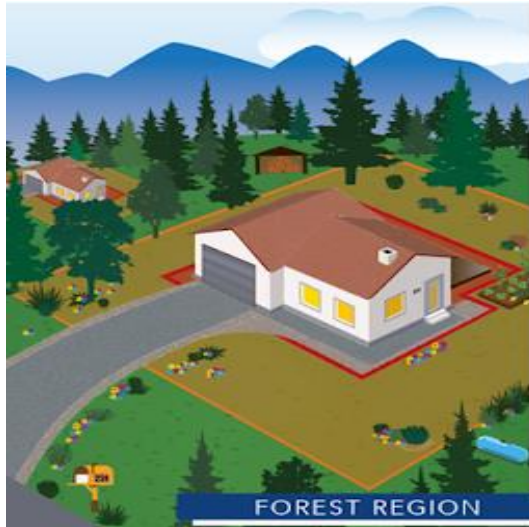
Hams—amateur radio operators support community emergency communications

You're invited to join Los Altos Amateur Radio Emergency Services www.laares.org or the Los Altos Hills program (contact the LAH Emergency Communications Commission)



Volunteers train to be ready to support the community's emergency response: assess the damage, help their neighbors, provide basic first aid and search and rescue, support emergency communications

FIRESAFE COUNCIL (FSC) NEW PROGRAM



The Shelter-in-Yard is the new non-gathering compliant program to encourage residents to create defensible space for their homes while they are sheltering in place.

The program will utilize pictures, diagrams, and resources to help you know what work to perform in your yard while staying at home

Note: Wildfire preparation activities can be done safely under Shelter-in-Place orders, residents should strictly adhere to all county and state guidelines

<https://sccfiresafe.org>





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