

# PLANNING FOR DISASTERS



Planning in advance helps families survive and recover from disasters. Take steps now to protect your family and your home before the next earthquake, wildfire, pandemic, or other disasters.



41% of Americans say they are not prepared for a disaster. In 2018, insured losses due to natural disasters in the U.S. totaled \$52 billion.



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## Make a Family Disaster Plan

- Assign individual responsibilities and work together as a team.
- Choose meeting places outside your home and outside your neighborhood. Discuss what to do in an evacuation and plan multiple exit routes in case of road closures.
- Visit [alertoc.com](http://alertoc.com), Orange County's emergency notification system, to register and receive information during and after an emergency.
- Enroll in safety classes like CERT, First Aid, and CPR.
- Gather important documentation (insurance, medical documents, or legal documents) and store them in a safe or on a flash drive.

## Create Emergency Supply Kits

- Your emergency supply kits should have enough necessities to last you and your family for a minimum of three days, although it's recommended to be prepared for 7-10 days.
- Make sure your family kit is portable and easily accessible.
- Consider additional kits for your car and workplace.

## Prepare Your Home by Identifying Home Hazards

- Bolt and brace major appliances, heavy furniture, electronics, and any overhead fixtures.
- Use flexible connections where gas lines meet appliances.
- Identify and have the proper tools available to shut off gas, water, and electricity, if necessary.