



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE RESOURCES

Be Ready for Wildfire - Information for Customers

There are several resources that older Californians access or that you can use to assist your customers with disaster preparation and response. The following is a list of disaster preparation and response resources available through the California Office of Emergency Services and the Red Cross.

Listos California Resources

Listos California Emergency Preparedness Campaign readies Californians for disasters like wildfires, earthquakes and floods, and pandemics like COVID-19. They have several valuable resources available to assist older adults with preparing older adults with for emergency events.

Listos California's website provides several resources for individuals and community providers to prepare for emergencies. These resources include disaster preparedness text messages, safety and survival tutorials, disaster preparedness training tools and materials, a disaster preparedness toolkit, and social media toolkit. The [Disaster Ready Guide](#) toolkit includes five key steps that everyone should take to prepare for an emergency, as illustrated in the graphic below. The [social media toolkit](#) includes sample graphics, videos, and messages with simple one-click posting to share to your social media channels. Please visit the [Get Prepared](#) and [Prepare Your Community](#) sections of Listos California's website to access these resources.



Cal Alerts

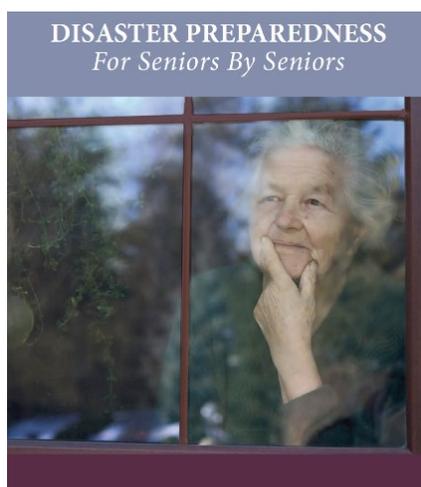
Cal Alerts is a system where you can sign up to receive alerts about emergency situations that arise in your county. The types of alerts (text, e-mail, voicemail) vary by county. To sign up for alerts in your county, click this link:

<http://calalerts.org/signup.html>



Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Guide for Older Adults

The Red Cross Disaster Preparedness For Seniors By Seniors Guide was prepared by older adults at the Greater Rochester Chapter of the American Red Cross. The guide contains important steps, tips, tools, and detailed actions that older adults can take to prepare for a disaster event. The guide can be accessed here: [Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Guide For Seniors By Seniors](#).



Be Red Cross Ready
for Disaster



CAL FIRE Updates

Visit this link for the latest updates on all major wildfire incidents currently in progress throughout the state: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/>. CAL FIRE's daily wildfire report can be accessed via this link: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/daily-wildfire-report/>



Evacuating – Information for Customers

This section includes links to resources and information for individuals that are at risk of or currently under evacuation orders.

CAL FIRE Evacuation Tips

CAL FIRE provides information on the process and tips to safely evacuate during a disaster event. Information can be found here:

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/media/5463/evacuation.pdf>

Per CAL FIRE guidance, if an area is evacuated due to wildfires, individuals are to immediately evacuate. Evacuating is always safer than remaining home during COVID-19. If an individual waits until the last minute to evacuate, the roads may have heavy traffic and road conditions may be dangerous. Blowing embers and debris from the fire may make it hard to see.

When an individual evacuates an area, they should always try to maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance at all times, and wear a cloth face covering. While traveling in a vehicle, keep windows shut to protect against smoke inhalation.



When a wildfire is near your community.

If you smell smoke or feel afraid, don't wait! Evacuate while there is still time to a place recommended by officials.





Response.ca.gov - One-Stop Website for Emergency Incident Resources

Response.ca.gov is a one-stop website for information about shelters, transportation, air quality, and more: www.response.ca.gov



Wildfire Incidents

Information on current wildfires burning in California



Shelters/Housing

Find locations to stay safe during wildfires and power shutdowns.



Transportation Impacts

Learn about transportation impacts from power shutdowns and wildfires.



Air Quality Resources

Find help for health impacts from power shutdowns and wildfires.



Listos California

Resources for vulnerable populations.



Resources

Find help from government and nonprofits.

Disability Disaster Access & Resources

[The California Foundation for Independent Living Centers](#) recently launched [Disability Disaster Access & Resources](#). The program assists people with disabilities and older

adults with access and functional needs prepare for a disaster through personalized emergency planning support, preparedness training, and securing resources and supports for those who use assistive technology and/or durable medical equipment such as a powered wheelchair, bed, communication device, oxygen machine or CPAP during a utility Public Safety Power Shutoff.

If you or someone you know has been evacuated or lost your assistive technology or durable medical equipment due to a fire, you may qualify to have it replaced through the [Richard Devylder Disaster Relief Fund](#). To learn more about the program, connect with a local center, or apply for relief, visit [Disability Disaster Access & Resources](#) or call (800) 390-2699.



Wildfire Response and COVID-19

As California battles historic wildfires, COVID-19 has not gone away. New precautions to keep evacuees safe include health screenings, mask requirements, social distancing, and air purifiers in congregate shelters.

COVID-19 Evacuation Precautions

- Health screenings and assessments before entry
- Congregate Shelter Protocols:
 - Mask requirements
 - Social distancing
 - Air purifiers
- Majority in non-congregate sheltering

Image from CA Governor's Office press conference on 8/24/2020

Other Helpful Links

- listocalifornia.org
- response.ca.gov
- fire.ca.gov
- usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/older_adults.html