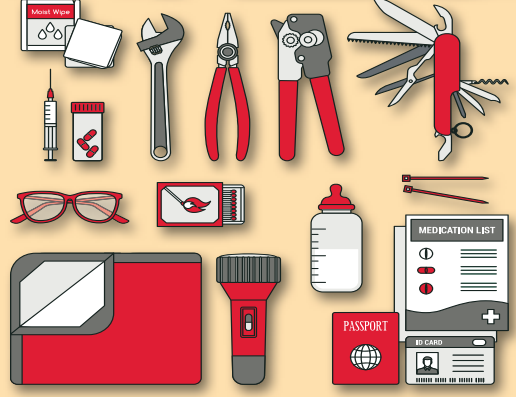


**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:**

- Police or Fire:** Dial 911
- City Hall:** 760-324-4511
- American Red Cross:** 951-656-4218 x4008



The City of Rancho Mirage and its Emergency Preparedness Commission encourage all residents and businesses to be prepared for an emergency or disaster. Being prepared will help you and your community be more protected and help ensure a quicker recovery from disaster. This information will help better prepare you, your family, and your neighborhood in the event of an emergency or disaster.

The information contained in this brochure is a brief introduction to emergency preparedness. For more detailed information, visit the Emergency Preparedness page on the City's website at

**RanchoMiragePreparedness.org**

*The mission of the Rancho Mirage Emergency Preparedness Commission is to motivate every person, business, and organization in the City of Rancho Mirage to take actions that reduce future disaster damages and enhance disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.*

How to  
Prepare  
FOR AN  
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or Disaster

# PREPARING FOR AN EMERGENCY OR DISASTER

## CREATE AN EMERGENCY/ DISASTER KIT

### Recommended supplies:

- Drinking water - 1 gallon per person per day for 7 days
- Unscented bleach or water purification tablets for non-bottled water
- Food for up to 7 days
- Tent
- Skin protection (sunscreen, long sleeve shirts, pants, hat, etc.)
- Portable camping stove/fuel
- Wind up radio, cell phone charger, flashlight, headlamp, lantern and spare batteries
- First aid kit
- Pet food/medication/kennel
- Copies of important documents - flash or thumb drive
- Prescription medications
- Ample cash in small denominations
- Portable “potty” (a 5-gallon bucket will suffice) with/sufficient plastic receptacle bags
- Wrench or tool to turn off gas or water meters
- Knife and/or multi-purpose tool/crowbar
- Solar yard lights (bring into your home/ tent during loss of power)
- Fire extinguisher

## CREATE AN EMERGENCY CAR KIT

### Keep the following items in your car:

- Sturdy walking shoes, extra clothing including undergarments
- Blankets
- Toilet paper
- Drinking water (rotate often, especially during warm weather)
- Snack bars
- First aid kit

- Sterile wipes/hand sanitizer cloths
- Cell phone charger, flashlight
- Multi-purpose tool
- Small amount of cash in small denominations

## MAKE YOUR HOME SAFE & SECURE

- Lock and secure all windows and doors
- Install earthquake straps on heavy furniture, television sets, paintings, water heater, lamps, etc.
- Know the location of your gas, water meters and wrench in case shut off is necessary
- Flashlights in each room of your house with spare batteries
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors (check batteries annually & replace detectors as directed by manufacturer)

## PREPARE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- Take a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course and encourage your neighbors to do the same. The City of Rancho Mirage offers FREE CERT courses to its residents. CERT training is important because during a disaster, most people are rescued by their neighbors.
- If you live in a community with a homeowners association (HOA), help with communication efforts during a disaster by joining the City of Rancho Mirage’s Monthly HOA Radio Drill. Participating HOAs test their communication skills and radio operability at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month.
- Consider the “Map Your Neighborhood” (MYN) program. MYN is a 9-step program that helps neighborhoods prepare for emergencies and disaster situations. The MYN program helps save lives, reduces the severity of injuries and trauma and property damage. It also helps develop stronger community interaction and improves the quality of life in your community.

## MOST VITAL

Be aware of things happening around you and in your neighborhood. If you

**“SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.”**

## OTHER SAFETY TIPS

## PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST FRAUD OR CYBERTERRORISM

### EMAIL FRAUD - Watch out for....

- Emails or links from suspicious or unknown sources - if in doubt, don’t click!
- Emails stating that you have won a lottery or offering a job if you send them your personal data
- Matching sender’s name and email address - Make sure these match up to what you have in your contact list. For example: Your friend John Doe sends you an email and his name appears but his email address is shown as loseweight@imperfect.ru.net  
*That is NOT John’s email- DO NOT open the email.*

## SCAMS

### Be cautious of telephone calls....

- The Internal Revenue Service - the IRS will NEVER telephone or email citizens regarding tax issues
- From a “supposed” grandchild, friend, relative or acquaintance stating he/she is in jail and needs money via gift cards

If you DO get tricked into one of these scams, report it to the authorities immediately. It might help recover your losses and also help others who might fall prey to these types of scams.

Make sure to change your email/account passwords regularly.

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