

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.

**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:**

**Fire, Police, and Medical:** Dial 911

**Other NON-EMERGENCY Numbers**

**City Hall:** 760-324-4511  
**Red Cross:** 951-656-4218  
**Sheriff Dispatch:** 760-836-3215  
**Fire Station 50 (South):** 760-328-9877  
**Fire Station 69 (North):** 760-321-9399



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.

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

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

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# How to Prepare

FOR AN

# Emergency or Disaster

# PREPARING FOR AN EMERGENCY OR DISASTER

## CREATE AN EMERGENCY/DISASTER KIT

### Recommended supplies:

- ✓ Drinking water—1 gallon per person per day for 14 days
- ✓ Unscented bleach or water purification tablets for non-bottled water
- ✓ Food for up to 14 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 for 14 days
- ✓ 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.



The **Coachella Valley Disaster Preparedness Network (CVDPN)** is available to provide educational forums, community site visits, and other related disaster preparedness activities. Many communities in Rancho Mirage, and throughout the Coachella Valley, have already been assisted by CVDPN to help build a community of readiness for a disaster. For more information visit [www.CVDPN.org](http://www.CVDPN.org).

## COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Be aware of things happening around you and in your neighborhood. If you **“SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.”** Contact the City of Rancho Mirage or the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department.

## EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE

Earthquakes pose the single greatest risk in terms of potential damage to homes and infrastructure in Rancho Mirage. In fact, State law mandates insurance providers offer earthquake insurance to their residential customers at inception, however you can often shop around and find a better rate. The **California Earthquake Authority (CEA)** was created by the California legislature in 1996 after the 1994 Northridge earthquake to help homeowners obtain earthquake insurance in California. CEA provides two-thirds of the residential earthquake insurance policies sold in California. By selling their policies exclusively through participating insurance companies, CEA has become one of the largest providers of residential earthquake insurance in the world.

CEA places a high priority on educating California homeowners and renters about how to stay safe during an earthquake, and how to reduce the risk of earthquake damage and loss. CEA works with a number of organizations such as the **California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)** and the **Earthquake Country Alliance** (which created **The Great California ShakeOut™**). They have also joined forces with the **American Red Cross**, and have worked with **United Policyholders**. Their collaborative efforts have helped make Californians more aware of their earthquake risk and become better prepared for the next big one.

For more information about CEA and earthquake insurance in general be sure to visit their website [www.EarthquakeAuthority.com](http://www.EarthquakeAuthority.com).