



Low and No Cost Preparedness

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Disasters are costly but preparing for them doesn't have to be. In fact, taking time to prepare now can help save you thousands of dollars and give you peace of mind when the next disaster or emergency occurs.

Take these simple steps now to be better prepared for any disaster or emergency that have little to no cost.

Start Today

Store important documents and items like passports, birth certificates, maps and electronics in a flood-safe place like a high shelf or upper floor in resealable water-tight plastic bags to help waterproof them. [Store important documents](#) like insurance policies digitally.

Contact your local fire department. They may have programs that provide fire or carbon monoxide detectors.

Check online for free or discounted CPR courses offered near you.

Visit [Floodsmart.gov](#) to know your area's level of flood risk.

Download free [preparedness resources](#).

Hazard-Specific



Earthquakes

- Hold regular [Drop, Cover, and Hold On](#) drills with your family.
- Anchor heavy objects like furniture or appliances to walls. Secure fragile or heavy objects.
- If you live in a tsunami zone, identify a safe place to be if a watch or warning is issued.

Wildfires

- Create a safety zone of at least 30 to 100-feet around your residence.
- Keep grass, plants and other vegetation around your living area well hydrated.
- Keep your roof and gutters clear of debris.

Hurricanes

- Keep the area around where you live free of natural debris or yard waste that could be picked up by heavy winds and cause damage.

Pets and Animals

Summer Ready

#WinterReady

Evacuation

Shelter

Safety Skills

Plan for Locations

Home Fire Escape Plan

Ready Campus

Get Involved

Ready Business

Ready Kids

Resources

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Resources



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