



**Emergency
Preparedness**

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, CALIFORNIA – In recognition of September's designation as National Preparedness Month, the Santa Cruz County Department of Public Health has just completed a comprehensive guide to emergency preparedness intended to help the residents of Santa Cruz County prepare for, respond to, and recover from the disasters that affect our region.

The Emergency Survival Guide is available to all residents online and contains detailed information regarding emergency preparation, hazard awareness and response, basic first aid, and County resources available before, during, and after an emergency. Residents are encouraged to use the Guide to help plan for disaster situations, including fires, earthquakes, and tsunamis, and to become more familiar with local organizations that may play an important role in the event of a disaster.

Residents may download the entire Guide as a PDF, or may download each section separately. Additionally, pages that contain contact information, escape route diagrams, and emergency checklists may be viewed and downloaded in a printer-friendly format. Hard copies will be available at local library branches by the end of October.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Los Angeles County for sharing their Emergency Survival Guide with us which enabled us to produce our own guide on a very limited budget.

The Emergency Survival Guide can be found at www.santacruzhealth.org/emergencyguide.



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