



MAY

Wildfire Preparedness Month

Every year, fires threaten homes and properties as a result of combustible debris and vegetation. Every property owner is ultimately responsible for managing their vegetation to meet Fire District requirements. Visit [Contra Costa County Fire Protection District](https://www.contracostafire.com/).

ACTION ITEMS for May. See LINKS for How-To information.

1. Identify two alternative routes out of your neighborhood. Practice traveling them.
2. Assess your home's defensible space. Rake, sweep and remove combustible fuel from your surroundings.
3. Clear debris around your house, roof, outbuildings, under decks and stairs.
4. Check your wood piles. They should NOT be closer than 30 feet to your home.
5. Can your home's address be seen clearly from the street day and night?

Stay Kit GROCERY LIST (5 of 11)

- 8 gallons of water
plastic containers should be replaced every 6 months
- quick energy snacks, trail mix etc.
- family size cereal
- safety pins
- 4 large (32-oz) sport drinks
- 4 20-oz cans ready to eat soup
- heavy duty garbage bags
- facial tissue
- family-sized box of graham crackers
- 8 8-packs of 12-fl oz cans of flavored water
- assorted plastic containers with lids

Preparedness Calendar is for a family of 4 & 1 pet.
Adjust to your needs.

Stay Kit HARDWARE LIST (2 of 4)

- 2 flashlights with batteries
- extra batteries (Store with silica packs in plastic bag. Check 2x/yr. for corrosion.)
- camping or utility knife
- purchase emergency escape ladder for second story bedrooms
- crow-bar or pry-bar
- 30' paracord, clothesline, or heavier rope
- N95 masks
- flash drives

EVACUATION PREPAREDNESS

- ✓ Can you open your garage door if your home is without power? Practice & prepare now.
- ✓ Keep your gas tank at least 1/2 full.
- ✓ Pre-load a first aid kit, Go Bag and extra drinking water in your car (see LINKS for more info).
- ✓ Always know where your car keys are.
- ✓ Be ready to leave before the mandatory evacuation order is issued. Consider leaving early.



FUN FACT

Send text messages to reach family and friends after a disaster. Phone systems will likely be overwhelmed. Texts may go through while calls may not.

LINKS

1. [Contra Costa County Fire Protection District](https://www.contracostafire.com/)
2. [Ready.gov Wildfires](https://www.ready.gov/wildfires)
3. [CCCFPD Wildland Fire Guide](https://www.cccfpd.com/wildland-fire-guide)
4. [LA County.gov Smoke Alarms](https://www.lacounty.gov/smokealarms)
5. [Ready.gov Go Bag](https://www.ready.gov/go-bag)
6. [Ready.gov Car Kit](https://www.ready.gov/car-kit)

REMINDERS

Mark expiration dates on all stored perishables including water, beverages, canned food and bleach. Purchase items you like to consume, rotate your supplies, and use older items first.



For more information visit your Martinez Area Community Emergency Response Team, (CERT) www.martinezcet.org

This calendar is designed to break down large tasks into monthly steps to be less overwhelming. The calendar lists many items to be purchased early in the year, before the distractions of the holiday season. While perishables must be replenished, hardware purchases should be mostly one-time expenses. Time purchases to work best for you!