

ABOUT EVACUATIONS

An Evacuation Warning

or Voluntary Evacuation, means that it is time to prepare to leave your home and the area. Gather your family, pets, basic needs and important paperwork and listen for instructions from emergency responders. If you have special medical needs or have limited mobility, you should prepare to leave the area when an Evacuation Warning is issued. Those with horses or large animals should also begin to evacuate.

An Evacuation Order

or Mandatory Evacuation, is a directive to leave your home or business immediately. Failure to follow an Evacuation Order may result in endangerment to the lives of others, personal injury, or death. Once you have left the area you will not be able to return until the Order has been lifted.

An Evacuation Shelter

may be set up by the Red Cross at the request of the County if an area must be evacuated for an extended amount of time. The location for an evacuation shelter will be announced by local officials, once a safety assessment is complete and the shelter is ready to accept those affected by the evacuation.

Shelter-in-Place

means the best place to be safe is indoors. If authorities advise you to shelter-in-place you should turn off air-conditioner and fan units, seal the gaps around windows and doors and listen to the radio for authorities to announce the threat has passed. Do not venture out of your shelter area until you are instructed that it is safe to do so.



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LOS ANGELES COUNTY Emergency Notification System



Alert.lacounty.gov

Office of Emergency Management

Sheriff's Department

Fire Department



Los Angeles County has a mass notification system available to residents and businesses.

Alert LA County will notify residents, schools and businesses about emergencies and critical situations by sending:

Recorded telephone message

Text message

E-mail message

Alert LA County uses telephone company 911 databases to call listed and unlisted land-line telephone numbers.

- You will be contacted only when your home or business is in an area impacted by an emergency.
- If the call is picked up by answering machine, *Alert LA County* will leave a recorded message.
- If the telephone number is busy or does not answer, *Alert LA County* will redial the telephone number several times and attempt to re-deliver the message.
- *Alert LA County* is set-up for TTY/TDD communications. The toll free 2-1-1 number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. Hearing impaired residents may call (800) 660-4026 or visit www.211la.org.

Important



Residents and businesses need to **voluntarily** register telephone numbers, land-lines, mobile, cellular telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to receive text and e-mail notifications.

To Register Visit
www.lacounty.gov



SNAP is a voluntary disaster registry that provides information on emergency planning and preparedness for those that may need extra assistance in responding to evacuation orders, or other direction from public safety officials. SNAP is designed to help emergency personnel find people who may need additional assistance—SNAP does not guarantee priority services to those who register, but it does help planners know what kind of help may be needed.

Alert LA County is only one way that we notify residents about emergencies - no single system will provide warning to all residents in all situations.

Emergency Alert System

Emergency information is broadcasted directly by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. For emergency events and conditions of widespread concern, a broadcast message will be sent out on radio and television stations.

Commercial Media

Listen to emergency broadcast stations for regional emergency alert information in the Los Angeles County area. Because power failures are likely in an emergency, keep at least one battery-powered radio in your household.

Amateur Radio

Los Angeles County Disaster Communications Service (DCS) works with ham operators throughout the County to provide reliable emergency communications. To find out more about DCS, contact your local Sheriff Station.

Websites

Websites like the National Weather Service, www.nws.noaa.gov, allow you to sign up for web feeds that are sent directly to your computer. For County updates after a disaster, go to www.lacounty.info. The LA County website will list shelter locations and other essential survival information.