Planning in advance helps families survive and recover from disasters. Take steps now to protect your family and your home before the next earthquake, wildfire, pandemic, or other disasters.

Make a Family Disaster Plan
- Assign individual responsibilities and work together as a team.
- Choose meeting places outside your home and outside your neighborhood. Discuss what to do in an evacuation and plan multiple exit routes in case of road closures.
- Visit alertoc.com, Orange County’s emergency notification system, to register and receive information during and after an emergency.
- Enroll in safety classes like CERT, First Aid, and CPR.
- Gather important documentation (insurance, medical documents, or legal documents) and store them in a safe or on a flash drive.

Create Emergency Supply Kits
- Your emergency supply kits should have enough necessities to last you and your family for a minimum of three days, although it’s recommended to be prepared for 7-10 days.
- Make sure your family kit is portable and easily accessible.
- Consider additional kits for your car and workplace.

Prepare Your Home by Identifying Home Hazards
- Bolt and brace major appliances, heavy furniture, electronics, and any overhead fixtures.
- Use flexible connections where gas lines meet appliances.
- Identify and have the proper tools available to shut off gas, water, and electricity, if necessary.