

Top Things to Know & Do Before ANY Emergency

1. Take a CERT class: It's free. It's entertaining. It's immensely informative. The Ojai Valley's fate will depend on CERT graduates in an emergency.
2. Prepare an emergency kit (**LINK TO PRINT**) containing enough supplies for your household to survive three days without help. Or order one online here (www.redcrossshop.org).
3. You may be asked by authorities to turn off your gas, water, or electricity. Learn how to do this by taking a CERT class.
4. Identify two or three places for your family to reunite in case you cannot reunite at your home or in your neighborhood.
5. Print this website in its PDF form (**LINK TO PRINT**) so that you can refer to it even if the internet is down in an emergency.
6. Know which friends and family members you can call to check in with (during a disaster, it will be easier to call people who live out of state). Give everyone in your family their numbers.
7. Once a year, buy fresh emergency food and water for your kit, replace the batteries in your smoke detectors, and review your disaster plan with all family members. Being prepared is not a huge time commitment.