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***Ventura County Events***

**Ventura Art & Street Painting Festival**  
 September 11th & 12th  
 10am - 5pm  
 Ventura Harbor Village

**Ojai Music Festival**  
 September 16th to 19th  
 10am - 10pm  
 Libby Bowl, Ojai

**Ventura Home & Garden Show**  
 September 17th to 19th  
 Ventura County Fairgrounds

**23rd Annual Oktoberfest in Moorpark**  
 September 26th & 27th  
 9am to 6pm  
 Underwood Family Farm

**Disaster Preparedness For Your Family**

Being prepared can reduce fear, anxiety, and losses that accompany disasters. What you do now can help you and your family better respond to and recover from any disaster or emergency, as well as contribute to the overall readiness of your community. Although there are many things that people can do to increase their preparedness for emergencies, there are some basic steps that cover most situations:



**Identify your risk** - What are the hazards where you live or work? Find out what natural or human caused disasters pose a risk for you. Do you live near a flood plain, an earthquake fault, or in a high fire danger area? Are you prepared for an unexpected human-made disaster that can strike any time? Does your neighborhood or community have a disaster plan?

**Create a family disaster plan** - Your family needs a plan that tells everyone: where to meet if you have to evacuate; who you've identified as an out-of-state "family contact"; how to get emergency information in your community; and how to take care of your family pets.

**Practice your disaster plan** - After you have sat down with your family and written your plan — practice it. Start by having family members meet at a designated spot outside your home — like you would after a fire or after the shaking stops. Know how to respond in the event of any disaster — whether to stay put indoors, or whether to evacuate your neighborhood by car. If your family needs to evacuate, know the proper evacuation procedures and routes as determined by your local OES office.



**Build a disaster supply kit for your home** - If you are stranded in your car or have to be self-sufficient at home until help arrives, you need to have a disaster kit with you.

## Welcome to Ventura Management!

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- **Need to buy or sell your home? Ask how we can save you thousands!**
- **Know someone who needs help with property management. We can help!**

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### Disaster Preparedness For Your Family (cont.)

**Prepare your children** - Talk to your kids about what the risks are and what your family will do if disaster strikes.

**Don't forget those with special needs** - Infants, seniors and those with special needs must not be forgotten. Make sure that supplies for your infant are in your kit and that you have items such as medications, oxygen tank, or other medical supplies that seniors or those with special needs may require. Check out Cal OES' tips for preparing the elderly.



**Learn CPR and first aid** - Contact your local chapter of the American Red Cross and get trained on basic first aid and CPR. Your training could save the life of a loved one or neighbor following a disaster.

**Eliminate hazards in your home or workplace** - You must secure the contents of your home or office to reduce hazards, especially during shaking from an earthquake or from an explosion.

**Understand post 9/11 risks** - Disaster preparedness must now account for man-made disasters as well as natural ones. Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count.



**Get involved, be a volunteer** - There are plenty of ways to volunteer and donate during an emergency. Whether you donate blood, join a local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), educate your neighbor, or volunteer with you local American Red Cross, the hard work of volunteers is a critical component of a successful emergency management program.

### September Quote:

*"I would rather have questions that can't be answered than answers that can't be questioned"*

*... Richard Feynman*

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