

The Springs CERT DISASTER READINESS SUGGESTIONS

Steps to do RIGHT NOW (before you need to evacuate)

Before preparing the four items below:

- * **Register with VC Alert:** Online at VCAAlert.org or call 805-648-9283.
- * **Video your possessions:** Use your cell phone and do a video tour around your home. Text this video to a relative or trusted friend who lives outside The Springs.
- * **Key Buddy(s):** Provide a key to your home to a trusted friend who lives close.
- * **Cell Phone(s):** Keep fully charged; ensure that all important contacts are in your phone. Always keep a car charger in your car.

1. SUITCASE: For each person in your household, ***pack a suitcase*** as though you were going on a 4-5 day driving trip. Use a spare suitcase that you won't need if you're actually going on a trip and that you can leave permanently packed. Purchase duplicates of personal care products that you use every day so you won't need to get them out of this suitcase (dollar stores are a good place to get some items). Wrap a colored ribbon, yarn, whatever, to designate that this is your evacuation suitcase and leave it in a location where you can grab it in a hurry.

This ***SUITCASE*** should contain:

- * Sufficient clothing for 3-5 days
- * Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- * Comfortable shoes; coat

2. PET CASE: For your pets, prepare a separate suitcase with blankets, toys, bowls. Have any pet carriers readily available. Include food/treats but do change that periodically. Can opener if necessary. Leave in a location to grab quickly.

This ***PET CASE*** should contain:

- * Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, treats, carrier, bowl, puppy pads, water, medications, can opener, blanket or sheet (to protect hotel bed))

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3. IMPORTANT ITEMS: Make copies of important papers and put them in a front pocket of your suitcase or have them at the ready that you can grab quickly.

NOTE: It may not be realistic to pre-pack your medications but do have them in a plastic storage container or large plastic bag that would take you seconds to grab.

IMPORTANT ITEMS should contain:

- * Medications (at least a 7-day supply) and medical items; remember pets meds.
- * Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- * Safe Deposit box key
- * Cell phone with chargers
- * Family and emergency contact information
- * Extra cash, credit cards, ATM card
- * Medical supplies (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, etc); doctor contact info (should be in your cell phone)
- * List of local hotels with phone numbers and pet policies, if applicable
- * Important photos
- * Laptop computer

4. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: Pack one more smaller tote with anything else you think you may need. Remember, if it's a mud/debris flow or fire, once you're out of the area, you can always purchase these items later.

Miscellaneous Items case might contain:

- * Water - one gallon per person, per day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home); don't forget your pets
- * Food - non-perishable (eg, peanut butter crackers, etc.)
- * Flashlight; extra batteries
- * First aid kit; Emergency blanket (small silvery ones); scissors, tape
- * Extra set of car keys and house keys - optional
- * Whistle on a lanyard
- * N95 or surgical masks (available at Harbor Freight, hardware stores)
- * Rain gear; Small hand towels
- * Blankets or sleeping bags (if necessary for sleeping in car)

The Springs CERT USEFUL INFORMATION

Helpful Web Sites (not case-sensitive)

VCAalert.org	To register to receive phone and email alerts
vcemergency.com	Has Incident Information including evacuations, road closures and evacuation centers.
readyventuracounty.org	One of the best. Has links for Preparing, Planning, Staying Informed, Getting Involved and Disaster Information. 'Prepare' section includes links for an Emergency Preparedness Guide (28 pages), Emergency Supply List and Preparing Makes Sense Brochure and Handout (all pdf files).
vcfd.org	Ventura County Fire Dept. Includes links to download the Ready, Set, Go Wildfire Action Plan and a link for CERT.
ready.gov	Official website of Dept of Homeland Security
bringfido.com hotels.petswelcome.com/ california/camarillo	Pet-friendly hotels
tripadvisor.com	Search for hotels in/near Camarillo

Primary Local Emergency Alert System (EAS) Radio Stations

KVTA 1590 AM

KHAY 100.7 FM

Plus all other local stations

Helpful Weather Apps for your Smartphone

The Weather Channel

LA Weather

Storm Shield

NOAA Radar

CBS Local

ABC News