Prepare Now for Any Type of Emergency

There are things you can do right now to mitigate personal injury or loss of property as a result of an emergency.

BE INFORMED

Sign up for NotifyMe on the City of Inglewood website to receive alert notices about emerging or imminent emergencies via text message. Monitor TV, radio, social media and print for important information in your area.

MAKE A PLAN

Make a plan with your family on how you would exit your residence or workplace under various scenarios. Predetermine a place to meet. Identify an out-of-area person to contact to inform of your well being. Practice your plan.

BUILD A KIT

It may take a while before first responders can arrive. Have an emergency kit readily available at home, work, and car with supplies to ensure you and/or your family can be self-sustaining for at least five days.

BE PREPARED

Join the Inglewood Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Take a CPR or first-aid course through the American Red Cross, or work with the Red Cross to “Map Your Neighborhood” to identify risks and resources within your neighborhood.

Pets are important!

What Will You Do in an Emergency?

Use whatever you have on hand to take care of yourself and ensure your pet's safety during an emergency. Create a plan for yourself and your pets.

Make a plan

- Create a plan to get away. Plan how you will assemble your pets and anticipate where you will go.
- If you must evacuate, take your pets with you.
- If you go to a public shelter, keep in mind your animals may not be allowed inside.
- Secure appropriate lodging in advance depending on the number and type of animals in your care (ex. dog hotel, boarding facility).
- Develop a buddy system. Plan with neighbors, friends or relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so. Also designate specific locations, one in your immediate neighborhood and another farther away, where you will meet in an emergency.
- Talk to your pet's veterinarian about emergency planning. Discuss the types of things that you should include in your pet's emergency first aid kit.
- Get the names of veterinarians and veterinary hospitals in other cities where you might need to seek temporary shelter.

Prepare a Pet Emergency Supply Kit.

Just as you do with your family's emergency supply kit, think first about the basics for survival supplies for pets, particularly food and water.

- Food. Keep at least three days of food in an airtight, waterproof container.
- Water. Store at least three days of water specifically for your pets.
- First aid kit. Talk to your veterinarian about what is most appropriate for your pet's emergency medical needs.
- Sanitation. Include pet litter and litter box if appropriate, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach to provide for your pet's sanitation needs.

- Collar with ID tag, harness or leash. Your pet should wear a collar with its rabies tag and identification at all times. Include a backup leash, collar and ID tag in your pet's emergency supply kit.
- Crate or other pet carrier. If you need to evacuate in an emergency situation, take your pets and animals with you provided that it is practical to do so. In many cases, your ability to do so will be aided by having a sturdy, safe, comfortable crate or carrier ready for transporting your pet.
- A picture of you and your pet together. A picture of you and your pet together will help you document ownership and allow others to assist you in identifying your pet, if they are lost.
- Familiar items. Put favorite toys, treats or bedding in your kit. This can help reduce stress.

For more information on pet preparedness visit: www.animalcare.lacounty.gov