



# FIVE EASY STEPS TO PREPARE FOR DISASTER

**Don't wait! Take these steps today to save you time, energy, and money after a disaster.**

## **1. Make a plan.**

- The Red Cross and [www.listocalifornia.org](http://www.listocalifornia.org) can help you plan.
- Find a few ways to leave your home in case roads are damaged.

## **2. Take pictures of your home and things you own.**

- You may need to show what you lost.
- You should create a list of your items and keep receipts for things you buy. You can download a Home Inventory Guide from the California Department of Insurance to help you.

## **3. Make sure you are listed on the title for your house, mobile home, and car.**

## **4. If you are a homeowner or renter, you should get insurance to cover your losses. Check your insurance policy each year to make sure it is up-to-date and you have enough coverage.**

## **5. Keep your important papers in a safe place.**

- A fireproof and waterproof bag or box is good.
- Take pictures or scan papers.
- Things to include:
  - passport
  - lease
  - mortgage papers
  - title to car, home, mobile home
  - driver's license
  - Social Security card
  - immigration documents
  - wills, trusts, power of attorney
  - insurance policies
  - birth certificates
  - custody orders
  - restraining orders
  - Individual Education Plan/504 Plan

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