

SUGGESTED WAYS TO GET PREPARED

FAMILY

1. **Family emergency plan** (who does what, where do you meet outside of house, on PCH side, valley side, go bags, important docs & items, in & out of state contacts in case local or in-state phone lines don't work, etc.).
2. Evacuation lists (5 minutes, 30 minutes, 1- 2 hours).
3. Emergency phone numbers (Topanga #s, govt #s, utilities, insurance, banking, animal, medical, nearby hotels, important people).
4. **Practice** your family emergency plan.

PETS

1. Emergency **supplies** for cats, dogs, horses and other animals. Keep a list w/ expiration dates noted.
2. Dog **tags** on carriers with laminated **pictures** of pet w/ noted medical conditions.
3. **Neighbor** who knows evacuation plan and can access your pets
4. **Practice** horse evacuation.

HOUSE

1. Maintain house **insurance** – fire, theft & earthquake – keep a copy of the policies in a safe place away from your home.
2. **Inventory** house (i.i.i. home inventory program – free online). Pictures (including inside drawers and cupboards), serial numbers and receipts and video. Update when you make a big purchase.
3. **Clear brush** (especially eucalyptus, pine, cypress, palm –thin out and trim at least 6-10 feet off the ground) and remove plants growing on house).
4. Plant fire **retardant plants**.
5. **Seal or treat exposed dry** wood on your house.
6. **Foam** or **gel** system for house / trees.
7. Repair and/or retrofit **areas where embers could ignite** house (vents, under decks, stairs, walkways, chimneys, open eaves, etc.).
8. Keep gutters clean and remove debris around house.
9. Do not have propane tank surrounded by brush or flammables.

THIS IS NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST, IS NOT IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE AND IS A WORK IN PROGRESS. PLEASE MODIFY IT AS YOU DEEM NECESSARY.