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“DO 1 THING” TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR A FUTURE DISASTER

Take advantage of the free emergency-preparedness resources offered by the City & Novato Fire

In an effort to continue providing a robust emergency management program that combines and coordinates the resources of both the City of Novato and the Novato Fire District, the two organizations unveiled a new feature, “Do 1 Thing,” which highlights a preparedness tip once a month to the Novato community.

“Do 1 Thing” is a non-profit organization that builds stronger communities through emergency preparedness and emphasizes simple and easy steps you can take, each month, to improve your preparedness. This program is distributed locally by Novato Emergency Management, a partnership of the City of Novato and Novato Fire District.

For June, the preparedness tip is to: **be aware of, and prepare for, your family’s unique needs.** Every household is different. Is there an infant or young child in your home? Does someone in your family have a medical condition that requires medication? Do you have a pet? Before disaster strikes, talk to your family about your household’s unique needs. Make a list of special items you may need in a disaster.

Below is a list of things that you can do to achieve your goal this month--choose at least one, and complete it:

- Talk with family members to identify your household’s unique needs.
- Make a plan to make sure pets are taken care of in a disaster.
- If you or someone in your household has a disability, create an evacuation plan that works for them.

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For additional local preparedness information take a look at our *Get Ready* and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training at: www.readymarin.org

Get Ready is a free two-hour preparedness course with registration available by calling the Novato Police Department at 415-897-4361. CERT is an 18-hour course that takes you beyond the basics offered in Get Ready. CERT is offered around Marin County, with a class being offered in Novato beginning July 31. You can register for CERT at: <http://readymarin.org/calendar/>.