



# News Release

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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, by a partnership of the City of Novato and Novato Fire District.

For May, the preparedness tip is to: **make sure the people who count on you are prepared for 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:*

- Make sure emergency procedures are in place for your workplace or school.
- Give emergency kits to people who count on you (college students, elderly parents, etc.).
- Know how others in your community will respond in a disaster.

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Disasters can happen at any time. If you are away from home, do you know where to find safe shelter locations? Do you know what the emergency procedures are for your child’s school or for your workplace? Will people who count on you know what to do if you can’t reach them? Know how to make sure you and your loved ones are safe in a disaster, no matter where you are.

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

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