



# *News Release*

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## **DO YOU HAVE WHAT YOU NEED IF DISASTER STRIKES?**

*Monthly emergency-preparedness tip from the City of Novato & Novato Fire*

This month's tip is to **remember important things that may be overlooked when leaving your home in a disaster.**

Any emergency is easier to handle when you have prepared ahead of time. Put together an emergency kit with important items to keep at home, and a go bag with items you will need to take with you if you evacuate. Think about what you and your family would need in a disaster. You can make kits for your home, car or workplace. Emergencies can happen anywhere.

When severe weather is predicted, make sure your car has a full tank of gas. You don't want to wait in line for gas if you are told to evacuate. Some storms may also knock out electricity, causing gas stations to close.

Below is a list of things you can do to prepare for a disaster. Choose at least one, and complete it:

- [Gather your emergency supplies in an accessible place.](#)
- [Create an emergency supply kit for your pet, your car, and your workplace or school.](#)
- [Stash some cash in case ATM's and credit card machines are not usable in a disaster.](#)

Get the details for each of the above [here](#) or check out the YouTube [video](#).

Novato and Marin County residents:

Please **register your phone numbers and e-mail addresses** at [www.alertmarin.org](http://www.alertmarin.org). This will allow you to receive public safety alerts by phone, text and e-mail for your neighborhood, even when you are not home.

To ensure you receive emergency messages and information from both the Novato Police and Fire Departments, register with [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). This free service will promptly deliver timely info to your e-mail and smart devices.

Check out our free, two-hour preparedness course *Get Ready* - by calling the Novato Police Department at 415-897-4361 as well as Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training - which is an 18-hour course that takes you beyond the basics offered in Get Ready. For more information, go to [www.readymarin.org](http://www.readymarin.org).

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