



SURVIVAL GUIDE

As a resident of one of the five districts in Santa Cruz County, you are an important part of emergency planning and preparedness. This Guide will help you to better prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters that face Santa Cruz County. Our goal is to provide tips that assist you to be self-sufficient after a disaster. In addition to this Guide, we recommend that you increase your awareness of emergency situations and the skills you need to prepare your family, neighbors, and your community. Become Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) qualified and join a local CERT Disaster Response Team. CERT Teams strengthen the ability of our communities to quickly recover after major disasters.

This guide is a starting point. For more information on preparing for disasters, please visit the Santa Cruz County Office of Emergency Services (OES) website at <http://sccounty01.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/oes/oesmain1.htm>.

You may also visit the Santa Cruz County Public Health Department's Emergency Preparation website at <http://www.santacruzhealth.org/phealth/emergprep/3howtoprepare.htm>

The Board of Supervisors governs the Santa Cruz County unincorporated area and is the executive and legislative governing body of the County of Santa Cruz. In its executive role, the Board sets priorities and policies for the overall operations of various County departments, approves the County budget, and appropriates and spends money on County programs. The current members of the Board can be found at <http://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Government/BoardofSupervisors.aspx>. If you aren't sure which Supervisor represents your area, please go to <http://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/ele/lookup/>.