

City of Hesperia



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# Camp at Home

Disaster Preparedness  
for your  
Home & Family

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**“Plan, Prepare, Practice”**

Reference City of Norwalk





## The Big One

The San Andreas fault; just got a little bigger. Research is showing a section of the San Andreas fault is long overdue for a major earthquake some scientist are saying that the fault is capable of a magnitude 8.1 earthquake that could run 340 miles from Monterey County to the Salton Sea (LA Times). When this occurs, the City of Hesperia and the High Desert region will definitely be impacted!

### Expected Impacts to the City of Hesperia

- Most Hesperia homes are wood framed and may suffer foundation failures.
- Many homes have brick chimneys and are likely to collapse.
- Most homes have unsecured bookshelves, picture frames, mirrors, media centers and unsecured kitchen cabinets and can create hazardous conditions.
- Many Hesperia homes have free standing water heaters, which are prone to fire and explosion due to broken gas-lines during an earthquake or aftershock.

### Utilities & Roadways

- Widespread power outages
- Damaged water lines
- Broken natural gas lines
- Surge impacts to phone lines/loss of communication
- Obstructed roadways due to cracks, debris and emergency vehicles
- Damaged overpasses and bridges



To learn more about the City of Hesperia Community Emergency Preparedness programs, contact the City of Hesperia Office of Emergency Services

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### Other Important Numbers

Life Safety Emergency	Dial 9 1 1
City of Hesperia Sheriff's Station (Non-Emergency Calls) After hours	(760) 947-1500 (760) 956-5001
City of Hesperia	(760) 947-1000
San Bernardino County Fire Headquarters After hours	(760) 949-5506 (909) 356-3805

### Additional Preparedness Resources

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	<a href="http://www.ready.gov">www.ready.gov</a>
FEMA Español	<a href="http://www.listo.gov">www.listo.gov</a>
Emergency Survival Program (ESP)	<a href="http://www.espfocus.org">www.espfocus.org</a>
CERT	<a href="http://oes.cityofhesperia.us">oes.cityofhesperia.us</a>

By taking simple steps today, you and your loved ones will be better prepared when faced with a major emergency or disaster.

The City of Hesperia is committed to Community Preparedness with the goal of Community Resilience.

Through individual, neighborhood, and business emergency preparedness education seminars, community events, and training, each City of Hesperia Community member has the opportunity to gain the tools necessary to become personally prepared for disasters and major emergencies.

The City of Hesperia Community Preparedness programs include:

**Camp at Home**  
**Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**  
**Neighborhood Watch**  
**Citizens on Patrol (COP)**  
**Disaster Service Worker (DSW)**



## What is “Camp at Home”?

“Camp at Home” is an emergency preparedness plan to help keep you, and your loved ones out of harm’s way.

The Camp at Home Plan should be included in your Personal Family Emergency Plan.

Staying at home after an earthquake allows emergency services and first responders the ability to address the most greatly impacted neighborhoods without additional unnecessary concerns, such as traffic congestion and sightseers.

## Camp at Home

What does Camp at Home Really mean?

Camp at Home is creating an outside living environment to provide you and your family the basic essentials to live for an extended time.

**up to 7 days**  
in a safe and controlled area  
on **YOUR** property!

## Camp at Home Safety Guidelines

Stay at Home on your property unless the following threats exist:

- Is there Fire?
- Is there a broken gas line or do you smell a strong odor of gas?
- Are there active electrical lines down on your property or very near your property? Note: All downed electrical lines are considered “live” unless, cleared by the electrical company.
- Are there excessive hazards risking your safety on your property?

If any one of these conditions exist, then it is recommended for you to leave your property.

If none of these conditions exist, then you are asked to remain at your property, even if your home is damaged and cannot be occupied.

**Stay put**, establish a personal/family emergency shelter on your property, **and wait** until you receive guidance from emergency service authorities and/or the City of Hesperia.

## Preparing your Camp at Home Plan

### 1. Shelter

*Establish an area specifically to shelter you from the elements*



#### Tent or Tarp

If you do not have a tent, use a tarp or blanket to establish a shelter by securing the tarp or blanket to a tree or fence.

If using only a tarp or blanket, remember to use something for flooring. An additional tarp, blanket or cardboard boxes would work.

**\*\*If you tie your shelter to a fence or block wall, be aware of the safety of the fence in case of aftershocks\*\***

#### Lighting

Flashlights and batteries – have a primary flashlight as well as individual flashlights for each family member and extra batteries.

Lantern and fuel – only use lanterns designed for camping. Follow safety instructions. Don't forget extra fuel.

Glow Sticks – great for kids and safe if you fall asleep.

**Avoid using candles or open fire for lighting. If this is the only source available, never leave unattended.**



### 2. Bedding



#### Sleeping Bags or Blankets

If you do not have a sleeping bag, use your existing bedding from your home.

For your children, include their favorite blanket or stuffed animal. This will help them feel more at ease.

#### Pillow

### 3. Food

*Establish an area specifically for food preparation*

#### BBQ

If you do not have a BBQ or heating element, be sure to have food supplies available that will not require heating.



Knowing how to take care of your family is the most important part of emergency preparedness. The second is having an understanding of what is going on in your neighborhood, City and the region.

#### Public Information Points

The City of Hesperia will post all disaster related updates on the City's website [www.cityofhesperia.us](http://www.cityofhesperia.us), on Facebook and on Twitter. If internet capabilities are not available, please tune into one of the emergency radio channels.

## Remember

You must have photo identification with you at all times. You will not be allowed to re-enter your neighborhood without it!



During a disaster, the safest place for children is with their parents. Do not let your children play unsupervised or away from home. This should also apply to teenagers.

## 7. Keep Up-to-Date

*Develop an emergency communications plan*



### Radio

Have a battery-operated radio with AM/FM channels. Be sure to have extra batteries.

#### Emergency Radio Channels in Hesperia are are:

Y102	102.3 FM
Kat Country	100.7 FM
The Fox	106.5 FM
Talk 960	960 AM

### Two-Way Family Radios

Have two-way family radios so if the family is temporarily separated, but still within the neighborhood, you will be able to communicate. Having this basic tool can also assist in staying in contact with your neighbors.



### Out of State Contact

Have a least one established out of state contact. It has been proven that your are more likely able to reach an out of state contact than your next door neighbor when using your telephone during a disaster.

### Ice Chest

Use the ice chest to keep items that are perishable from spoiling.

If you do not have an ice chest, be sure to eat and use all of your perishable food first before eating or using your other non-perishables.

### Cooking and Serving Utensils

Use emergency cooking utensils that you have stored in your emergency kit or use the pots and pans from the kitchen.

Have paper plates, bowls, etc., packed in your emergency kit. If you do not, use the cooking and serving utensils from your kitchen.



### Food

Use the food from your refrigerator first if accessible. Due to power outages, this food will spoil first.

Next use food that has the shortest "shelf life" from your cupboards and then use canned foods.

Have emergency food rations stored in your emergency kit to be saved for when all other food is no longer available.



### Water

Store enough water to provide at least 1 gallon of water per person per day. Store at least two-weeks' worth of water.

Obtain an emergency preparation guide for water purification instructions.

## 4. Bathroom

*Establish an area specifically for bathroom/hygiene needs*

### Privacy Shelter

Use an extra tent, if available, or you can use blankets, sheets, or a tarp to create an area specifically designated for toilet use

## Portable Toilet

If you do not have a portable toilet, you can use the following to create a temporary toilet.

- Use a 5-gallon bucket or small trash container.
- Line the bucket or container with a trash bag.
- Have a powdered cleanser in your emergency kit.
  - Sprinkle over waste after use - works best for urine. Use over fecal matter, however dispose of the bag after bowel movements.
  - Dispose of used bags in a separate area from general trash and designate as hazardous waste.

Toilet Paper: one-ply is recommended, however any type may be used.

## Hygiene Area

Establish an area specifically for bathing

- Bathing should be limited to essential bathing due to water conservation.
- Locate in an area over concrete or grass verses dirt.
- Washing hands and brushing teeth can easily be accommodated and are:

- **Hair washing and showeing should occur only as necessary.**

### Shower

Use a portable shower (can be purchased)

- If you do not have a portable shower, you can use a large reclosable bag or small trash bag.
  - Fill it with clean water - to heat, place sealed filled bag directly to direct sunlight.
  - When ready to use, poke or cut small hole in corner. You can use a rubber band or tie to tie-off the water to interrupt water flow.

- Use bar soap and shampoo in limited quantities

## Trash Disposal Area

Have two areas designated:

- General trash
- Hazardous materials/waste  
*Bathroom waste and items that are spoiled.*

## 5. Facing the Elements

*Consider the current weather conditions*

### Extreme Heat

Keep everyone dressed in light material and light colored clothing.  
Stay in the shade. Limit sun exposure.  
Stay well hydrated as possible.  
Avoid unnecessary physical activity.

### Cold

Layer clothing. Keep head, hands and feet well covered.  
Add additional blankets or sleeping bags.  
Stay within shelter whenever possible.

**DO NOT USE A BBQ OR COOKING ELEMENT FOR HEATING. AVOID USING A HEATER INSIDE THE SHELTER UNLESS IT IS MADE SPECIFICALLY FOR USE IN A TENT. YOU MAY CONSIDER CREATING A FIRE PIT, HOWEVER, IF THIS IS THE ONLY SOURCE AVAILABLE, NEVER LEAVE UNATTENDED.**

## 6. Social Area

*Establish an area specifically for social gatherings*

In stressful situations, especially disasters, finding a welcoming conversation or a comfortable place can help people manage their emotions. A social area can also assist in having an identified area to meet together routinely to discuss the situation and share updates.

### Chairs and Tables

Use what furniture is accessible and available. Pillows and blankets can be set up to create a gathering place.

### Children's Play Area

If you have children, designate an area that can be supervised for the children to play safely.

