



PREPARE NOW **LEARN HOW**



National Preparedness Month, Your Time to Learn and Act

We never know when an emergency will strike. But, you can prepare now to help protect yourself and your family in the event of a crisis. This page includes helpful information and reminders that you can use to start planning today. Find more information at cityofbrea.net/em.

Clear the Way for Safety at Home

The Brea Fire Department will be conducting weed and brush clearance inspections throughout the next few months. Inspection protects your home and our community during fire season. Please refer to the following standards:

- Areas within 100 feet of structures will be cleared of vegetation and other combustible growth.
- Areas within 10-feet of roads or highways will be cleared.
- Weed removal must be kept to a minimum of two to three inches from the soil surface. All cuttings shall be removed or disked into the ground if irrigation is provided.
- Combustible hazards, i.e.—trash, furniture and wood will be cleared as required.
- Vegetation trimmings, combustible debris and dead or dying plant material will be removed.
- Limbs on trees must be removed six feet from the ground to prevent grass fires from climbing.
- Remove portions of trees that extend within 10 feet of a chimney flue outlet.

Refer to CityofBrea.net/BreaFire for additional information.



Register with this county-wide mass notification system to be contacted via phone, email or text should an emergency threaten your Brea home or business. For those already registered, be sure to update any contact information that has changed. Go to AlertOC.com.

Only those who have opted in to the system will be called during the test. Log in to add your cell phone, work phones and email. You can register everyone in the family to be sure you all stay informed during emergencies.

National Wireless Emergency Alert Test

September 20 • 11:20 a.m.

FEMA and the FCC will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert. Find out more about these alerts and how they are used in an emergency at ready.gov/alerts.

Great California Shake Out

On 10/18 at 10:18 a.m. millions will “Drop, Cover and Hold On” to test their preparedness at home, work or school during the annual statewide drill. Log onto shakeout.org and register to participate.



Is Your Smoke Alarm Working?

A smoke alarm can provide a life-saving early warning. Brea Fire recommends that



you change the batteries on all of your alarms at least once a year. An easy way to remember is to change your batteries when you change the time this November. Always use fresh batteries. Smoke alarms work every minute of every day, so replace your alarms after 10 years.

See Something, Say Something

You can help keep our community safe from terrorism. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING! Report suspicious or unusual activity by calling 911.

For more details on what to look for, go to keepocsafe.org.

“Run, Hide, Fight”

Active Shooter incidents have occurred repeatedly for some time now. What can you do if you encounter this situation? While, there is no fail safe advice for every situation, Homeland Security recommends that you understand the following action steps.

Run — Have an escape route in mind. Leave belongings behind. Keep hands visible.

Hide — Stay out of view. Block entry to a hiding place. Silence cell phone.

Fight — If in imminent danger, a last resort is to throw items and act with physical aggression.

To get more comprehensive information, go to dhs.gov/activeshooter.

Get a Kit, Make a Plan, Stay Informed!

Brea has gathered references on one handy page of its official website. Please bookmark cityofbrea.net/em.

Find basic emergency management information for a wide variety of topics with relevant links to organizations that provide important services.



NEVER SWIM ALONE