

**Be Aware
Be Prepared
Take Action**



**A Guide for
Alerts and Warnings**



FEMA



If you receive an alert on your TV, phone, or radio:

Take the actions listed here.
Follow instructions from local officials.
Follow the instructions in the alert.



Advisory and Statement

Be aware! A hazard is expected to occur in your area or nearby, but its impact is not expected to be life-threatening.



Watch

Be prepared! A hazard may possibly occur in your area or nearby.



Warning

Take action! A hazard is expected to occur or is already occurring in your area or nearby, and its impact may be serious.

“THIS IS A TEST”

Officials sometimes send test or practice messages. Consider using this as a reminder to check your emergency plan and supplies. Review the 12 Ways to Prepare for more steps to take.

Some hazards may not have an advisory, watch, or warning. Use the **12 Ways to Prepare to be ready for hazards that may happen suddenly.** Visit [ready.gov/be-informed](https://www.ready.gov/be-informed) to learn more about hazards not included in this guide. This is general guidance. Always defer to the alert.

12 Ways to Prepare *Before* a Disaster Happens:



Sign Up for Alerts and Warnings



Make a Plan



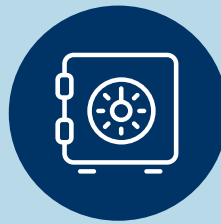
Save for a Rainy Day



Practice Emergency Drills



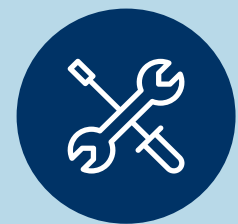
Test Family Communication Plan



Safeguard Documents



Plan with Neighbors



Make Your Home Safer



Know Evacuation Routes



Assemble or Update Supplies



Get Involved in Your Community



Document and Insure Property



Volcano



Volcanic Eruption Watch

Be prepared! A volcanic eruption **may occur** or is **occurring**.



Officials **may not be certain of the exact time** a volcano will erupt.



If You Get this Alert at Home:



Avoid areas downstream of the eruption.



Protect your home from falling ash.



Cover ventilation openings and seal doors and windows.



Evacuate immediately if told to do so.



If You Get this Alert in Your Car:



Do not drive in heavy ash fall.

A volcano is an opening in the Earth's crust that allows molten rock, gases, and debris to escape to the surface.



Volcanic Eruption Warning

Take action! A volcanic eruption is **occurring** or is **about to occur**.



A volcano is **erupting** or **will erupt very soon**.



If You Get this Alert at Home:



Evacuate immediately if told to do so.



Cover ventilation openings and seal doors and windows if sheltering in place.



Protect yourself from falling ash.



If You Get this Alert in Your Car:



Do not drive in heavy ash fall.

FAMILY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION PLAN

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Home #: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____ Mobile #: _____

Email: _____

Important Medical or Other Info: _____

Name: _____ Mobile #: _____

Email: _____

Important Medical or Other Info: _____

Name: _____ Mobile #: _____

Email: _____

Important Medical or Other Info: _____

SCHOOL, CHILD CARE, CAREGIVER, AND WORKPLACE EMERGENCY PLANS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Emergency/Hotline #: _____

Emergency Plan/Pick-Up: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Emergency/Hotline #: _____

Emergency Plan/Pick-Up: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: _____ Mobile #: _____
Home #: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____

OUT-OF-TOWN CONTACT

Name: _____ Mobile #: _____
Home #: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____

EMERGENCY MEETING PLACE

Indoor: _____
Instructions: _____

Neighborhood: _____
Instructions: _____

Out-of-Town Neighborhood: _____
Instructions: _____

IMPORTANT NUMBERS/INFORMATION

Police: _____ Fire: _____
Doctor: _____ Dentist: _____
Medical Insurance: _____
Policy Number: _____
Hospital/Clinic: _____