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Visit Colusa County Office of Emergency Services Portal to Celebrate National Preparedness Month

Sign Up for Emergency Alerts and Get Prepared

(COLUSA, CA) September 3, 2024 – National Preparedness Month is observed each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. Colusa County is no stranger to disasters such as wildfires and other weather-related events, but it's also important to stay alert for disasters such as earthquakes and public health outbreaks. This National Preparedness Month, Colusa County's Office of Emergency Services is encouraging residents and visitors to become prepared by visiting the [Colusa County OES](#) portal and signing up for the Rave Mobile Safety system.

"Rave Mobile Safety is designed to provide residents and visitors with emergency alerts and to share real-time information and critical updates before, during, and after an emergency or natural disaster," said Sheriff Joe Garofalo, Director of Colusa County Office of Emergency Services. "It is important that Colusa County residents and visitors to be prepared for an emergency at a moment's notice and sign up for emergency alerts."

In recognition of National Preparedness Month, Colusa County residents and visitors are encouraged to:

- **Sign Up for Emergency Alerts:** Colusa County utilizes Rave Mobile Safety to send emergency alert notifications to the community. Rave Mobile Safety is a mass notification system. This allows community members to receive information from Colusa County in the event of an emergency. Community members will only be notified in extreme cases, such as an evacuation notice. Click [here](#) to sign up.
- **Enable Your Smartphone for IPAWS:** The Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS) is the Federal Emergency Management Agency's integrated wireless emergency alert and warning system. Click [here](#) to learn how to enable IPAWS on your device.
- **Build a Kit:** Colusa County encourages residents to be prepared with an emergency kit. After an emergency, you and your family might need supplies to survive on your own for a few days. Being prepared means having your own food, water, and other supplies to last for several days.
- **Make a Plan:** Make a plan today! It's important to establish a meeting place, and communication plan in the event your family is separated when disaster strikes. Ensure that you discuss your family's needs, care for children, pets, and other specific needs like operating medical equipment.
- **Stay Informed:** Know what disasters and hazards are most likely to affect your area, how to get emergency alerts, and where you would go if you and your family need to evacuate. Download the FEMA App to get preparedness strategies, real-time weather and emergency alerts.

Click [here](#) to learn more about National Preparedness Month.

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