

# DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

WHAT WOULD YOU DO  
IN THE EVENT OF AN  
EMERGENCY?

It's not a matter of if; it's a matter of when. The Town of Colma and the rest of the Bay Area are vulnerable to both natural and man-made disasters — earthquakes, fires, severe weather, floods, hazardous material spills, plane crashes, terrorist attacks, civil unrest or prolonged energy shortages.

## COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS

- An emergency kit with basic supplies such as water, food, first aid, a radio and candles is stored at each Town facility, as well as several flashlights
- The Town has one basic emergency kit per dwelling unit available to residents in the event of an emergency
- The Police Department has an electronic system which enables emergency messages to be sent over the phone lines to all Colma residents simultaneously

### IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Colma Town Hall	650.997.8300
Colma Police Department	650.997.8321
Colma Fire Protection District	650.755.5666
Colma Public Works	650.757.8888
SMC Office of Emergency Services	650.363.4790
American Red Cross	650.259.1750
PG&E	800.743.5000
Poison Control	800.876.4766

## FAMILY DISASTER PLANNING

### BEFORE DISASTER STRIKES

- Check out the Disaster Preparedness section on the Town's website at [colma.ca.gov](http://colma.ca.gov)
- Sign up at [smcalert.info](http://smcalert.info) for alerts in your area
- Create a Household Emergency Plan, including purchasing supplies, communication & reunification with family members
- Designate an out-of-area contact person that everyone will contact after an emergency
- Make copies of all your identity cards and vital documents and keep in a safe place

### AFTER DISASTER STRIKES

- Check for injuries: give first aid and get help for seriously injured people
- Listen to your battery powered radio for news and instructions: evacuate, if advised to do so
- Check for damage in your home: use flashlights — do not light matches or turn on electrical switches. Sniff for gas leaks, starting at the water heater. If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off the main gas valve, open windows and get everyone outside quickly. Shut off any other damaged utilities.
- Remember to secure your pets, call your family contact, check on your neighbors, especially elderly or disabled persons, make sure you have an adequate water supply in case service is cut off, stay away from downed power lines

# TOWN OF COLMA

## EMERGENCY SUPPLY LIST

Keep some basic supplies on hand, enough to survive at least three days should an emergency occur. Here is a list of basic items that every emergency supply kit should include. Consider making a supply kit for your car or other places where you and your family spend time.

### BASIC ITEMS

- Water - one gallon per person per day, for drinking and sanitation
- Food - non-perishables
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio with extra batteries
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Plastic sheets/bags, scissors and duct tape to create shelter
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Prescription medicine and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Important family documents
- Emergency cash
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Household chlorine bleach to disinfect water
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Cups, plates, utensils and paper towels
- Pet food and supplies
- Change of clothes/shoes for each member of household
- Books, games and puzzles

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