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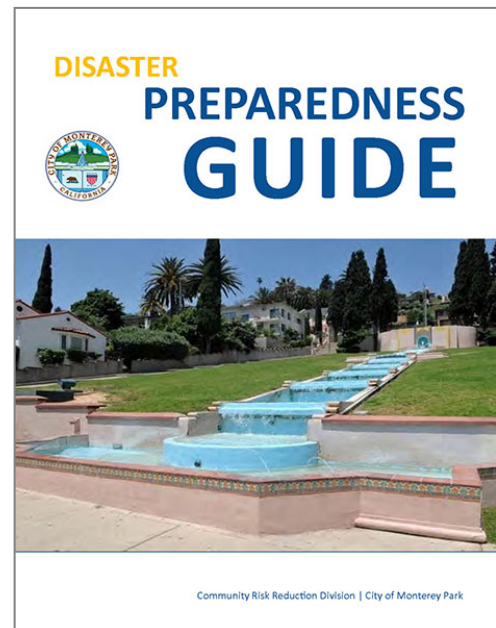
## Monterey Park Fire Department Publishes Disaster Preparedness Guide

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Monterey Park, Calif. - February 23, 2018 - At the February 21, 2018 Monterey Park City Council meeting, the Monterey Park Fire Department introduced a **Disaster Preparedness Guide** that is now available on the city website at [www.MontereyPark.ca.gov](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov). The guide contains valuable information for home and business owners in the event of an emergency such as an earthquake or a terrorist event.

The intent of the [disaster preparedness guide](#) is not to alarm residents, but rather, to empower them. Now is the time to prepare for any type of event by completing simple tasks such as developing an escape plan for your home, building an emergency supply kit, and reducing brush near or around your home if you live in a potential brush fire area. It's also important when developing a plan to make sure you exercise the plan so all in your family are familiar with it. As the saying goes, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Planning for an incident such as an earthquake will help prevent some of the tragedies that we see all too often on the news in the aftermath of an earthquake.

If an event such as a large-scale earthquake were to hit our area, services such as natural gas, electricity and water might be off for hours to days, to possibly weeks. Services such as the fire department and police department could also be delayed as a result of increased call responses. This is why self reliance is so important. Putting together your **emergency home kit** with items such as food, water and medications is so very critical to not only your comfort but quite possibly, your survival. Learning basic first aid and CPR is also a very useful and important skill. These skills are not only important during an emergency event but also in daily life. The motto of the Community Risk Reduction Division of the Monterey Park Fire Department is to "Be Prepared...Not Scared." By preparing your home and your family for any type of event, you will be ready, organized and confident.



This guide is to be used as a tool. Feel free to add to it as your specific circumstances dictate. Should you ever have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Fire Department at 626-307-1423 or visit [www.MontereyPark.ca.gov](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov).

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