



Purpose: This pamphlet offers a general overview of the City of Fort Bragg's Emergency Management program and basic disaster preparedness tips for residents of the Mendocino Coast in regards to the most likely set of disasters we may face.

For more detailed guidance, visit mendoready.org and ready.gov.

You can go to myhazards.caloes.ca.gov and search by address to see specific threats related to your home or workplace.

FORT BRAGG MODEL

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Community resilience refers to a community's ability to prepare for, withstand, respond to, and recover from a disaster or other impactful event. It's about recognizing and harnessing the already existing potential within your community to harden it against adversity.

For more information visit the City of Fort Bragg Website @ city.fortbragg.com

HOW TO STAY INFORMED

Sign up for Mendo Alert/Nixle at Mendoready.org.

Follow the City of Fort Bragg and Fort Bragg Police Department's **social media**.

During emergencies when communication systems may be difficult **updates may posted** at the **Police Department** (250 Cypress Street), **City Hall** (416 N Franklin Street) and **Town Hall** (363 N Main Street).



CITY OF FORT BRAGG EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

WHAT THREATS DO WE FACE?

Emergency Services Director:
City Manager Isaac Whippy

Emergency Manager:
Captain Thomas O'Neal

Extended Power Outages:



Extended power outages are an inherent part of the beautiful area we live in.

Keep your gas tank at least half full.

Many local fuel stations lack backup generators, so fuel shortages or long lines are common during outages.

Credit card machines and ATMs may be unavailable during a power outage.

Charge your phone in advance. Keep backup batteries or portable chargers on hand.

Have a battery-powered, solar, or hand-crank radio. Local radio stations may continue broadcasting even if internet or cell service goes down.

Stock your disaster supplies kit.

Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. A closed refrigerator keeps food cold for up to 4 hours. A closed freezer can maintain safe temperatures for up to 48 hours.

Unplug sensitive devices to prevent damage from power surges.

Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Operate generators, camp stoves, and charcoal grills outside. Keep them at least 20 feet away from open windows and doors.

If you rely on lifesaving devices that need charging, contact Fort Bragg Police Dispatch at 707-964-0200 for charging station information.

Check on your neighbors. Especially those who are elderly, have medical conditions, or may need extra assistance.

Visit PG&E's Safety Action Center for additional preparedness resources.

Tsunami's:



Tsunami's are typically preceded by a strong shaking from an earthquake. If you are near the ocean, you may observe the water receding unusually far from the shore, exposing the sea floor.

Know your escape routes. Identify a route to higher ground from both your home and workplace. In most cases, **heading east** will lead to higher elevations in coastal areas.

If you're in a low-lying area (e.g., harbor or beach). Plan two evacuation methods: **By vehicle** – if roads are clear and safe to drive. **On foot** – if roads are blocked or damaged.

Having both options ready can save valuable time during an emergency.

Visit [weather.gov/tsunamisafety](https://www.weather.gov/tsunamisafety) for detailed guidance and preparedness tips.

Wildfires:



Wildfires: The majority of the City of Fort Bragg is considered to be at low risk of wildfire. However, many individuals live just outside of the city in wooded areas where there is an increase in fire threat.

If you live in or near a **High Fire Hazard Safety Zone:**

Make a go bag.

Make an evacuation plan.

Review your evacuation plan and Go Bag every six months.

Check out **readyforwildfire.org** for more information.

Earthquakes:



The Mendocino Coast is situated between the San Andreas and the Maacama faults. This makes earthquakes a real risk for all residents.

Walk through your home or workplace and **identify items that could fall or shift** during strong shaking. Ask yourself, "If this fell on me or a loved one, could it **cause injury or prevent us from moving?**" If yes, **secure or anchor the item** to a wall or stable surface.

Learn how to **shut off water, propane, or fuel oil.** Even minor earthquakes can damage utility lines, causing leaks or flooding.

If you're **indoors: Stay inside**—do not run outside. **Drop, cover, and hold on.** Avoid standing in doorways.

If you're in bed; Turn face down and cover your head and neck with a pillow.

If you're **in a vehicle:** Pull over, stop, and set your parking brake.

If you're **outside: Stay outside.** Move to an open area **away from buildings, trees, streetlights, and power lines.** Drop and cover.

Visit **ready.gov/earthquakes** to learn more.



DROP!



COVER!



HOLD ON!