



# WIRELESS & READY: EMERGENCY TIPS

## PRIOR TO AN EMERGENCY

Educate yourself about Wireless Emergency Alerts. If you are a parent, find out how your kids' school district will notify you during an emergency.

Save emergency phone numbers and email addresses in your smartphone for police, fire, hospital, vet, school, etc.

Designate at least one "In Case of Emergency" (ICE) contact in your phone for emergency personnel, such as "ICE Jane (Mom)." Try to have at least one ICE contact who is out of the area as your point of contact.

Charge your batteries and carry a spare charger (e.g., car charger or external charging device). Keep devices and chargers in a waterproof bag. Follow these tips to conserve your phone's battery life:

- Whenever possible, use airplane mode and turn on your phone's power saving mode (if it has one). At the very least, reduce your screen's brightness and make your phone's screen go to sleep faster.
- Close unused apps and turn off push notifications so nothing is running in the background.
- Turn off Bluetooth, Wi-Fi and location-based services when they're not used.

Know how to forward your home phone number to your mobile device in case you are evacuated.

Download apps such as: FEMA, AccuWeather and flashlight to help keep you updated as the situation unfolds.

Take photos/videos of your property before (and after) an emergency for insurance purposes.

## DURING AN EMERGENCY

**Use text messaging, e-mail or social media to let your loved ones know you are okay.** Keep it short and simple by only conveying necessary information. By doing so, other people are also able to communicate with their loved ones.

**Avoid making voice calls unless it's an emergency to prevent clogging the network.** Voice calls take up more space on the wireless network and it's important to minimize unnecessary voice calls so our emergency responders are able to communicate. If you must make a call, keep it short.

**Judiciously use social media to keep you informed as the situation unfolds.** This may include using location-based mapping apps for evacuation routes.



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