

Disasters can happen at anytime, anyplace, or anywhere. The key to surviving any disaster situation is through planning. As individuals, we can prepare our homes and families to cope during that critical period. Here are some items to keep in mind:

- Make sure you discuss earthquakes, fires, power outages, and other emergencies with your family. Everyone needs to know their role and responsibilities in the event of an emergency.
- Purchase or assemble a disaster kit. If you used your disaster kit last year during the power outages, make sure you replenish the used items. For example, replace the batteries in your flashlight.
- If you need sandbags to prevent residential flooding, please contact the Pebble Beach Community Services District Fire Department at (831)375-4204. We have a large supply on hand and can help you with filling, delivery and placement.
- Prepare an emergency food supply. This supply should include foods that require no refrigeration, water, special preparation, cooking or electric tools to open. For example, "Heater Meals 3" is a great product to include. They have a shelf life of 3 years; require no microwaving, or refrigeration and come in a variety of meal options. For more information go to www.heatermeals.com.
- You should have a portable battery powered am/fm emergency radio. This radio will allow you to receive regularly updated information regarding the disaster or emergency from the Pebble Beach Community Services District 1620 am radio station.
- Phones with answering machines and cordless phones are power dependent. Have at least one hard wired phone that does not require power in case you need to call 9-1-1.
- Call the Pebble Beach Community Services District (831)373-1274 to add your cell phone number to the Reverse 911 (R911) database. You can also register your cell phone online at www.pbcسد.org. R911 is an automated emergency notification system.
- People who are medically dependent on electricity may need portable generators. Safely store fuel only in approved containers, outside, never in garages. Operate generators only outside, ensuring that exhaust will not enter the home through vents or windows. Only use fresh gasoline because old gasoline can ignite. Plug appliances directly into the generator using heavy-duty extension cords. **NEVER** use/install a generator without first contacting the Fire Department for a free mandatory code/safety inspection.
- If you might need assistance in the event of an emergency or disaster, please call the Pebble Beach Community Services District to enroll in the Citizens Needing Assistance registry. Or you can register online at www.pbcسد.org.