

ACT NATURAL



RESIDENTS

A HERMOSA BEACHER'S GUIDE
TO NATURAL DISASTER

#BEREADY





HERMOSA BEACH, BE READY

Hermosa Beach is an amazing place to live. You love it here. But do you know who else loves it? **Disasters.** Lots of them. Help us make disaster less of a dirty word by doing everything in our power to, *Be Ready*. Let's get Hermosa Beach Ready for the unexpected, put our minds at ease, and get back to living where we love.



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Emergencies and natural disasters can strike at any time. This is your one-stop shop for all things emergency preparedness, response, and beyond. You'll find everything you need to plan, execute, and recover from natural disasters. See a quick overview and the more in-depth cheat sheets on the next page.

BEFORE: **BE PREPARED**

Make a plan, pack a kit, prep your home, and stay informed.

DURING: **BE COOL**

Follow evacuation orders, execute your plan, and listen to emergency broadcasts.

AFTER: **BE RESILIENT**

Seek necessary medical attention, contact your network, and exercise caution when returning home.

BEFORE

BE PREPARED

Preparing for a disaster is a journey. It doesn't need to be done all at once. But if you can keep chipping away and checking off boxes, you'll be super happy you did.

1



MAKE A PLAN

Talk about disaster with your people. Create an emergency plan. This sounds daunting, but really it's just finding evacuation routes and meet-up spots and writing down the vital contact info.

2



GET A KIT

Prepare an emergency kit with essential supplies, including food, water, medications, and batteries. Pro tip: grab one extra thing each time you're at the store to help round out your kit.

3



SECURE YOUR HOUSE

Secure your home by reinforcing doors, windows and trim tree branches near buildings. Consider strapping your water heater and TV to the walls and installing cabinet locks to protect things from falling during an earthquake!

4



STAY INFORMED

Identify your go-to news sources for local hazards and emergency alert systems. Don't forget about the City's website and social media pages, as well as Alert SouthBay Regional Alert and Warning Notification System.

DURING

BE COOL

This is why we plan and prepare. So you're ready for the unexpected. Take a deep breath, slow it down, remember your planning. You got this!

1



FOLLOW EVACUATION ORDERS

Act promptly, orderly, and move to designated safe locations.

2



TUNE INTO YOUR NETWORK

Listen to emergency broadcasts for updates and instructions from local authorities. Know where you are going to get the best information for your needs.

3



BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Check on those nearby, especially older adults or anyone with special needs.

Look for opportunities to get trained and get involved with Hermosa's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

4



CREATE A PLAN TO MOVE FORWARD

Determine your next few steps to protect your home and family.

BE RESILIENT

Experiencing a natural disaster is intense and can be scary, but your planning and prep will help you make it as safe as possible. Again, deep breaths. This is the time to regroup, recover, and reconnect. Onward!

1



ASSESS INJURIES

Seek necessary medical attention for assistance with any injuries.

2



CONTACT YOUR FAMILY

Check in on them and let them know you are safe.

3



BE CAREFUL

Exercise caution when returning home and watch for hazards such as downed power lines or damaged structures.

4



DOCUMENT DAMAGES

Take photographs of your property and notify your insurance company.

For public property, report any observed safe conditions through the GoHermosa app.

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STAY ALERT

Another disaster (an aftershock, another wave, etc.) may be close behind. Remain vigilant and realize you may need to adjust your approach to stay safe.

MEET THE DISASTERS

Hermosa Beach's proximity to the ocean and faultlines make it more susceptible to natural disasters than many parts of the country. This guide will help you prepare for all disasters, but there are more specific, detailed instructions for each disaster at: hermosabeach.gov/beredy.



TSUNAMI

We are now in the official Tsunami Danger Zone. Get to higher ground. At least above Hermosa Ave.



EARTHQUAKE

A quake is 26x more likely here than in the rest of the US. Strap your TV and water heater to the wall.



EXTREME HEAT

Extreme heat can cause deadly heat stroke. Don't hesitate to seek help. Store 1 gallon of water per person in your family per day for 7 days.



FLOOD

There is a 93% chance there will be a 3ft flood here by 2050. It's never too soon to determine what's in your evacuation "go bag."



SEVERE WEATHER & STORMS

Flash floods, lightning, and damaging winds can affect our area at any time, causing both short- and long-term impacts such as power outages, travel advisories, and property damage. Monitor local news sources and be prepared to put your emergency plan into practice.



EPIDEMIC/PANDEMIC

Infectious diseases can spread extremely fast, threatening your health and safety. Please remember to pay close attention to local, national, and global authorities during an event.



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