



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Preparedness Month – September 2022

WHEREAS, Preparedness Month is a nationwide observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. Sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Month encourages everyone to take steps to prepare for emergencies where they live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, taking steps toward personal preparedness and ensuring that our households, workplaces, schools, places of worship, and community-based organizations are prepared for any disaster can drastically reduce risk of damage or loss of life, limb and property; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness (and specifically fire readiness) in Napa County is the responsibility of every resident, and all residents are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together to ensure that they, and those around them, are ready for a disaster or emergency of any type; and

WHEREAS, through the County of Napa's Emergency Management Program, [ReadyNapaCounty.org](https://www.readynapacounty.org) provides information, training, and community-wide outreach to residents, businesses, visitors and community organizations to equip themselves and others ahead of, and in the event of, a disaster or emergency. Additionally, the program makes sure the County of Napa's departments have sufficient plans, training, and equipment to respond to all hazards; and

WHEREAS, members of the community are encouraged to take steps toward preparedness by doing these three things:

Be Informed! Know how public officials will alert you during an emergency and sign up for that service. Also, learn what threats and hazards you face in your community, and learn your evacuation zone.

Be Prepared by Planning Ahead! Develop a plan for your family, property and business using [ReadyNapaCounty.org](https://www.readynapacounty.org). Consider how you will communicate, evacuate, and re-unify during a disaster. Take into account any specific needs you or those in your family may have. Develop a go-bag and an emergency kit for yourself and those in your home or business. Get to know your neighbors.

Get Involved and Take Action! Create at least 100ft. of defensible space around your structures. Sign up for the free chipping service, know and abide by building, fire and hazard abatement codes. Use the knowledge you have gained and get involved with Napa CART, CERT, COAD, CVNL, Napa Communities Firewise Foundation, or your local volunteer fire department and help us to encourage others to prepare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Ryan Gregory, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, do hereby designate September as Preparedness Month throughout Napa County. I encourage all members of the community to take the opportunity to visit [Readynapacounty.org](https://www.readynapacounty.org), sign up for alerts, learn all that this essential resource has to offer, and make every effort to be as prepared as possible.

Ryan Gregory, Chair
NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS