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Visit READY Mono to Recognize National Preparedness Month

Know Your Zone and Sign Up for Alerts to Stay Informed and Up-to-Date

MONO COUNTY, Calif. (SEPTEMBER 06, 2023) – National Preparedness Month is observed each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. In Mono County, these disasters could include wildfires, earthquakes, weather-related events, and public health outbreaks. This National Preparedness Month, Mono County’s Office of Emergency Management is encouraging residents and visitors to become prepared by visiting Ready.Mono.ca.gov!

“READY Mono is designed to provide residents and visitors with emergency readiness, response, and recovery resources, and share real-time information and critical updates before, during, and after an emergency or natural disaster,” said Chris Mokrcek, Director of Mono County’s Office of Emergency Management. *“The first step in becoming prepared for an emergency is visiting our portal to identify your evacuation zone and to sign up for emergency alerts.”*

In recognition of National Preparedness Month, Mono County residents and visitors are encouraged to visit the READY Mono portal to:

- **Sign Up for Emergency Alerts:** Mono County utilizes a cloud-based, public alerting and residential safety tool that allows government agencies to send geo-targeted urgent alerts to subscribers. Mono County has recently transitioned to a new platform, so residents and visitors are urged to sign up for alerts even if they have previously registered.
- **Enable Your Smartphone for IPAWS:** The Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS) is the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s integrated wireless emergency alert and warning system.
- **Find Your Zone:** Zonehaven is an interactive app-based software system that provides real-time updates on local emergencies to communicate with targeted communities as it relates to evacuation orders.

Bookmark Ready.Mono.ca.gov for easy reference! Click [here](#) to learn more about National Preparedness Month.

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