



At Home

Making the Most of Living in a Cowboy
Properties Community
Jan. 17, 2025

Be Prepared

The tragic stories coming out of Los Angeles this past week show that you never know when you may be forced to leave your home unexpectedly. Locally, parts of Park City were evacuated several years ago due to a wildfire and there are several earthquake-producing fault lines in the area. In addition to natural disasters, industrial or transportation accidents can also cause evacuation. Having a few items prepared and a checklist can help keep you calm in an emergency. [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) has additional tips on preparation and planning.

- Prepare a kit of essential supplies that you can grab that should include **water, food and basic first aid** supplies. A [solar-powered weather radio](#) will help you get emergency updates if cell service is down. Many models include a way to charge your phone. **Batteries** are also suggested. Update your supplies every six months and/or as the needs of your family change. If you have canned food, also have a can opener in your kit. [Pre-made kits](#) with many of these items can also be purchased.
- Keep **copies of important papers** in a waterproof container including insurance information, passport, birth certificate, social security card, wills, banking information and medical information. Include emergency contact information.
- Having **cash** on hand is helpful if ATMs and credit card machines are down.
- An atlas or **printouts of maps** can help with evacuation if cell service is not available.

· Ask your doctor about an **emergency supply of critical medications** for your essential kit. Copies of prescriptions should be in with your important papers. Other **medical needs** may include glasses or contacts, hearing aids, an inhaler or an EpiPen.

· Having a few **clean clothes and basic toiletry items** (toothbrush, toilet paper, baby wipes, etc.) will help you feel more comfortable while you are evacuated. Sturdy and comfortable shoes, long pants, long sleeved shirts, extra socks and underwear are recommended. If it's cold, bring a jacket, sleeping bag and blanket.

· One of the most difficult things to think about is the idea of losing **valuables and other irreplaceable items**. Take time to think about what things would be most important to you and make a list to put in your essential kit so that you can grab them without thinking before evacuating. Consider digitizing old photos and scrapbooks so they could be reprinted.

· Keep your car **half full with gas** at all times. If an earthquake happens, gas lines may be shut down.

· **Back up your computer** regularly to a cloud or external hard drive.

· **Plastic bags** (both trash bag and sandwich-sized bags) can have a variety of different uses to help keep you and your stuff dry.

· Consider taking **photos of items in your home** in order to help with insurance claims.

· If you are in imminent danger, please get out immediately. **Your safety should always be the first priority.**

Events of the Week

[La Fiesta Mariachi](#)

Jan. 17-18

SCERA Center for the Arts (745 S State St., Orem)
Live mariachi band, mariachi singer, and folkloric dancers will bring the fiesta, colors, emotion and rich sounds of Mexico!

[Utah International Auto Expo](#)

Jan. 17-20

Mountain America Expo Center (9575 S State St., SLC)

The hottest new cars, SUV's and trucks!

Assistance Resources

Please let us know if you are having difficulties keeping up with your rent.

We've partnered with [Flex](#) to give you flexibility in how you pay your rent.

[Salt Lake City Tenant Resource Center](#)

[Power & Gas Assistance](#)

[Utah Department of Workforce Services Resources](#)

[General Assistance \(Utilities, Food, Housing\)](#)

utahca.org/housing/ or call (801) 359-2444

211utah.org/ or call 211

<https://jobs.utah.gov/assistance/index.html>

[Food Resources, and Mobile Food Pantry Dates and Locations](#)

<https://www.utahfoodbank.org/programs/mobile-pantry/>
[FeedUT.org](https://www.feedut.org)