



Oceanside Fire Department

300 N. Coast Highway
Oceanside, CA 92054
760-435-4101

FAQs

- The property next door is covered with weeds and looks like a fire hazard. Who do I contact?
 - The City of Oceanside contracts with a company called Fire Prevention Services, Inc. (FPSI). Contact them at 1-866-779-3774 extension 309 to report your concerns. Or visit their web site at www.fpsi.net
 - For more information on fire hazard/wildfire prevention, visit www.sdcountry.ca.gov
- How do I know if my smoke detector is working? Where should I place my detector?
 - Hold the button in to test the batteries. If it "beeps", it's working.
 - If the detector is "chirping", replace the batteries.
 - When in doubt, replace the batteries. Replace your batteries every six months. A good reminder is to change your batteries when you change your clocks at Daylight Savings Time.
 - If the alarm is hard-wired (tied into your electrical system), call your electrician for service.
 - Place detectors on each level of your home and especially on the hallway ceiling near the air vents. If you sleep with your bedroom door closed, it's a good idea to place a detector in your bedroom.
 - Unfortunately, the Oceanside Fire Department does not have resources available to assist with replacing batteries or mounting smoke detectors. Contact a neighbor, friend, relative, or handyman for assistance.
 - For more information visit The Burn Institute at www.burninstitute.org
- There's a swarm of bees in my backyard. And a snake, too!
 - Look in the Yellow Pages under "Bee Control & Removal Services". The Fire Department does not assist with bee removal, but can assist in a life-threatening situation when bees are attacking.
 - Contact Animal Control at 760-757-4357 for assistance with snakes, dogs, cats and other animals. Unlike the old days, we can't help get your kitten out of the tree!
- Do you have sandbags?
 - Sandbags are typically available behind Fire Station #3 (corner of El Camino Real and Oceanside Boulevard). Bags and sand are provided – please bring your own shovel to fill the bags. (Self-service only)



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- What should I put in my emergency supply kit?
 - Three day supply of water and non-perishable food
 - Battery powered or hand crank radio with extra batteries
 - Flashlight and extra batteries
 - First aid kit
 - Whistle to signal for help
 - Dust mask to help filter contaminated air
 - Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
 - Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
 - Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
 - Can opener for food if you included canned food
 - Local maps
 - For more information, visit www.sdcounty.ca.gov
- I need recycling information.
 - Sharps: Contact your personal physician or pharmacist to acquire personal sharps containers or use a sharps disposal mail-back program. More info is available at www.wastemd.com
 - Other household waste: Visit the City of Oceanside web site www.ci.oceanside.ca.us (Solid Waste, Recycling, Sharps Medical Waste Info)
- Do you install infant car seats?
 - No. Please contact the California Highway Patrol at 1888 Oceanside Boulevard – 760-757-1675.
- I found some old firecrackers in my garage. How do I get rid of them? What about ammunition?
 - You may drop off fireworks at any fire station in the City of Oceanside
 - Ammunition needs to be disposed of through the County Sheriff's Department – 858-974-2222
- Do you offer CPR classes?
 - Not at this time. Please contact San Diego American Red Cross at 858-309-1200 www.sdarc.org, Mira Costa College at 760-795-6820 www.miracosta.edu/community or Project Heartbeat at www.sdprojectheartbeat.com



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- I need my fire extinguisher serviced.
 - Look in the Yellow Pages under "Fire Extinguishers" to locate a company that can service/replace your unit.
 - A 2A 10BC type fire extinguisher can usually satisfy the requirements for a light hazard occupancy or household
 - Types of fires:
 - Class A: ordinary combustible materials such as wood, cloth, paper, rubber and many plastics
 - Class B: flammable liquids, oils, greases, tars, oil based paints, solvents, lacquers, alcohols, and flammable gases
 - Class C: energized electrical equipment (when equipment is de-energized the fire becomes Class A or B)
 - Class D: combustible metals such as magnesium, titanium, zirconium, sodium, potassium and lithium.
- The fire hydrant by my house does not appear to be functioning properly or has been damaged.
 - Please contact the City of Oceanside Water Utilities Department at 760-435-5800
- I need the pilot light for my furnace (or stove, etc.) serviced
 - Please contact SDG&E at 1-800-411-7343