



GUIDE TO REGISTERING WITH SELECTED EMERGENCY ALERT WEBSITES

This guide is the result of a partnership between the EPO and the Computer Club. It is based on a shared mission of serving our community and bettering the lives of those in Rossmoor.

Register with the following websites by using your computer's internet browser (Safari, Chrome, Edge, Firefox ... or whichever browser you use to access the internet). When selecting options for receiving alerts, we recommend choosing your mobile phone number if your cellphone / smartphone is typically charged and nearby.

[CAL FIRE Fire Safety Education](http://www.fire.ca.gov) (www.fire.ca.gov) — Find information that will help you make your home and your family more fire safe all year round.

[Cal OES, Emergency Preparedness Page](https://www.caloes.ca.gov) (<https://www.caloes.ca.gov>) — The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) provides a checklist to help you go it alone for three days. At the top-left of the page click on "Be Ready" to see the list of topics. Here are some of the most relevant for Rossmoor:

[Drought Preparedness](https://saveourwater.com/#1) (<https://saveourwater.com/#1>)

[Earthquake Preparedness](https://www.earthquake.ca.gov/get-prepared/) (<https://www.earthquake.ca.gov/get-prepared/>) You can also download an Earthquake Readiness Guide (a PDF file) on this page.

[Emergency Response Training](https://www.caloes.ca.gov/office-of-the-director/operations/planning-preparedness-prevention/california-specialized-training-institute/) (<https://www.caloes.ca.gov/office-of-the-director/operations/planning-preparedness-prevention/california-specialized-training-institute/>)

[Fire Preparedness](https://www.readyforwildfire.org) (<https://www.readyforwildfire.org>)

[Cal OES, MyHazards web Page](http://myhazards.caloes.ca.gov) (myhazards.caloes.ca.gov)- MyHazards is a tool for the general public to discover hazards in their area (earthquake, flood, fire, and tsunami) and learn steps to reduce personal risk. Using the MyHazards tool, users may enter an address, city, zip code, or may select a location from a map.

[Terrorism - Preparing for the Unexpected](https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/terrorism.html?vgnextoid=cbc95d795323b110VgnVCM10000089f0870aRCRD) (<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/terrorism.html?vgnextoid=cbc95d795323b110VgnVCM10000089f0870aRCRD>) - The American Red Cross outlines steps to take in case of a terrorist attack. Meeting place, what could happen, evacuation, medical procedures, assembling a disaster supply kit. (also available in Spanish)

[FEMA: Disaster Services - Emergency Preparedness Checklist](http://www.disasterassistance.gov/) (<http://www.disasterassistance.gov/>) - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides an emergency checklist, home hazard plan, escape plan, and instructions for assembling a fire safety kit.

[ReadyForWildfire.org - Prepare Your Family Disaster Plan](https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/prepare-your-family) (<https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/prepare-your-family>) - Steps to take to prepare your Family Disaster Plan.

[Ready America US Department of Homeland Security](http://www.ready.gov/) (<http://www.ready.gov/>) - This site will help you get a kit, make a plan and be informed.

[PG&E Outage Alerts](https://www.pge.com/en/account/manage-my-account/online-account-preferences/outage-alerts.html) (<https://www.pge.com/en/account/manage-my-account/online-account-preferences/outage-alerts.html>) - Receive power outage updates for your service address by text, email or phone.

[PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff \(PSPS\) Status Alerts](https://pgealerts.alerts.pge.com/psps-updates/?WT.mc_id=Vanity_pspsupdates-a) (https://pgealerts.alerts.pge.com/psps-updates/?WT.mc_id=Vanity_pspsupdates-a) - A PSPS occurs in response to severe weather. Power is turned off to help prevent wildfire.

FEMA’s Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) System - No-cost text messages for emergency situations [including earthquakes of magnitude 5.0 or higher and Modified Mercalli Intensity IV (light) shaking].

You do not need to sign up for Wireless Emergency Alerts; they are automatically sent to all mobile phones within a specific geographic area (California is included). Emergency alerts are broadcasted via the mobile telephone network to notify the public about serious incidents that can threaten life and health.

Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs) is a nationwide system providing lifesaving information. WEAs are used to send concise, text-like messages in English and Spanish to WEA-capable mobile devices during emergency situations. WEAs can be sent by your state and local public safety officials, the National Weather Service, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and the President of the United States.

Types of Alerts:

Presidential: Alerts issued by the President or a designee during a national emergency

Imminent Threat: Alerts issued when an imminent threat to life or property exists in your area, including severe man-made or natural disasters such as earthquakes, wild fires, hurricanes, and tornadoes

AMBER: Alerts issued to help law enforcement search for and locate an abducted child.

WCAAlerts - Get text messages on your mobile phone with Walnut Creek Alerts by typing “WCAAlert” to 888-777 in your Messages app.

Rossmoor Nixle – Receive alerts and important community information directly from Rossmoor Walnut Creek. Register in one of the following ways:

- Click this link: <https://local.nixle.com/signup/widget/g/2818>
- Type this link into your internet browser: <https://tinyurl.com/ykijnxbnn>
 - **IMPORTANT:** double check that you have correctly typed this website address!!!

Using the windows shown below, select your messaging preferences (we recommend choosing only a single option).

Mobile #	Text msgs sent here	}	Insert your mobile phone # and/or your home phone # (note: text messages will automatically be sent to mobile #s).
Home #	Voice msgs sent here		
Voice Msgs	Do not send Voice Messages	}	Select your voice mail options by clicking the down arrow: ▼ You may choose NOT to receive voices messages, or to have them sent to your mobile #, home #, or both.
Email	Email sent here		
Zip Code	Selects messages for your location	}	Insert your email address if you want to receive messages via email. Insert your zip code; click the down arrow to select the Spanish language option.
Language	English		
☐ I accept the Terms & Conditions and Privacy Policy			Click the box to accept the terms and conditions.

Note that you may also sign up immediately for Nixle by simply texting “Rossmoor” to 333111.