

# ARE YOU RADIO-READY?

## When disaster strikes, do you know how to get accurate, up-to-date emergency information fast?

A hand-crank or battery-powered radio can be your lifeline for information for your safety and the safety of your family.

It's handy and portable, and when the power is out, the phone lines are down, the cell phone system is inoperable, and access to the Internet is unavailable ... a hand-crank or battery-powered radio will be your only source of up-to-date information.



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## What is Radio Ready?

The Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services (OES), the Orfalea Fund's Aware and Prepare Initiative, and California Concern, a local citizen group, have partnered with designated local radio stations to create Radio Ready, a system that connects the release of timely information from the OES to the radio-listening public.

## How Does Radio Ready Work?

During an emergency when the power is out and when critical and timely information must get out to the general public, the County OES will utilize satellite equipment to regularly communicate with designated County radio stations that have generators and can continue to broadcast. These stations will transmit this information over their airways in English or Spanish.

### Which Stations are Part of the Radio Ready System?

Santa Barbara	KTMS	990	AM	
	KIST	1490	AM	
	KIST	107.7	FM	Spanish
	KSPE	94.5	FM	Spanish
	KTYD	99.9	FM	
	KSBL	101.7	FM	
	KCSB	91.9	FM	
Santa Maria	KUHL	1440	AM	
Santa Ynez	KRAZ	105.9	FM	

## Are You Radio Ready?

Every household should have a hand-crank or battery-operated radio in their emergency "Ready Kits." A hand-crank radio is preferable, but if you already own a battery-operated radio, don't forget to include extra batteries in your emergency ready kit. Even if other forms of communication (such as your television or computer) are inoperable, a hand-crank or battery radio is the most dependable and transportable way to get information. These types of radios usually have a flashlight, cell phone charger and solar cell, and you can easily carry it with you as you respond to an emergency. Hand-crank radios are available on-line (browser search keywords "emergency crank radio") or can usually be found in electronics, outdoors, and hunting and camping stores.

## Do You Have an Emergency Ready Kit?

When preparing for a possible emergency situation, these are some of the basic items to consider for your emergency ready kit: hand-crank radio; water; non-perishable food (can opener, if needed); flashlight; first aid kit; whistle to signal for help; dust masks; moist towelettes; garbage bags and ties; wrench or pliers to turn off utilities; prescription medications; copies of important personal documents such as identification, insurance papers, bank account numbers; cash or travelers' checks; valuables; extra clothing/shoes; and pet food and accessories.

**When a disaster strikes, grab your radio and tune in.**



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