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L.A. COUNTY EMERGENCY SURVIVAL GUIDE IS NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE IN SPANISH

LOS ANGELES (Wed., May 19, 2010) – In coordination with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Office of Emergency Management has published a comprehensive guide to emergency preparedness intended to help the residents of Los Angeles County better prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters.

The County's Emergency Survival Guide is now available on-line in both English and Spanish at <http://www.lacounty.gov> website's homepage in the "Hot Topics in LA County," "Residents," "Business" and "Publications" sections.

The Emergency Survival Guide contains 100 pages of helpful tips and information for residents to prepare for fires, floods, earthquakes, pandemic flu, terrorism, extreme weather, and tsunamis. There is space to record household emergency plans including out-of-state contacts, family evacuation gathering points, and the location of utility shut-offs. The Emergency Survival Guide also features checklists for gathering emergency supplies that will help individuals, families, pet owners, businesses and communities survive and recover after a major disaster. Additional information on preparing for disasters is also available on-line at www.espfocus.org.

Residents and business owners, including persons with access and functional needs may also call 211 LA County for emergency preparedness information and other referral services. The toll-free **2-1-1** number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. 211 LA County services can also be accessed by visiting <http://211la.org>.

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