

Mayor's Message



Hello Laguna Niguel!

As I begin this month's message, I want to extend my heartfelt thoughts and prayers to those who have been directly impacted by the Airport Fire. Our hearts go out to the families and individuals who have been affected, and we can't thank our first responders enough for their brave actions. In these challenging times, it is so important for us to stand together as a community and offer support to those who need it most. Please know that the City of Laguna Niguel is here to offer support and assistance to our neighboring communities during this difficult time.

September is National Preparedness Month, a timely reminder of how essential it is for all of us to be prepared for potential emergencies and disasters. As we've seen firsthand with the recent local wildfires, being informed and prepared can make a significant difference in how we respond to and recover from these situations. Preparedness is key to protecting our loved ones and ensuring that our community can bounce back stronger after any disaster.

I encourage everyone to take proactive steps to prepare for emergencies, starting with a Family Disaster Plan. Make sure everyone in your household knows what to do in the event of an earthquake, wildfire, or any other emergency. Additionally, creating an Emergency Supply Kit is another essential step in preparing effectively. Your kit should include enough necessities to last at least three days, and it should be easily accessible and portable in case you need to evacuate quickly. Don't forget to include essential medications and vital documents as part of your kit as well.

It's also important to stay connected with reliable sources for real-time emergency updates and information. I strongly encourage you to sign up for both Nixle and AlertOC, two widely used local emergency notification systems that provide critical alerts directly to your phone and/or email. Register for Nixle today by texting '92677' to 888-777, and sign up for AlertOC or verify your information at [AlertOC.gov](https://www.alertoc.gov). Additionally, please consider following the City of Laguna Niguel, Laguna Niguel Police Services, the Orange County Fire Authority, and the Orange County Sheriff's Department on social media for timely updates, safety tips, and important information before, during, and after emergencies. By taking these steps and staying connected through our community's communication channels, you are helping to keep your loved ones and yourself safe and well-informed.

I encourage you to visit [ReadyOC.org](https://www.readyoc.org) for more information on emergency preparedness. Thank you for your commitment to the safety and well-being of our community. Together, we can face any challenge that comes our way.

Warm regards,

Kelly Jennings

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