



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



EMD wishes everyone a Safe & Happy Holiday Season!



RESOLVING TO BE PREPARED

This Decem-Burr remember to resolve to be prepared by making new resolutions for the new year like:

- Creating an emergency kit
- Signing up for NotifyLA
- Testing your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detector every 6 months
- Getting to know your neighbor and include them in your emergency plan



HOLIDAY ONLINE SHOPPING SAFETY

The holiday season is a peak time where cybersecurity crimes can occur. With people doing a lot of online shopping, it is important you practice safe online etiquette, like:

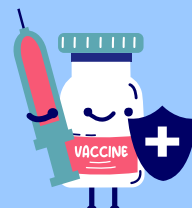
- Using strong passwords
- Using trusted websites
- Never sharing personal information
- Using a credit card vs a debit card for online purchases
- Never clicking on links or attachments that come from unverified sources
- Enabling automatic software updates



NATIONAL INFLUENZA WEEK DECEMBER 2-6

National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) is an annual observance in December to remind everyone 6 months and older that there's still time to get vaccinated against flu.

Vaccinating is particularly important for people who are at higher risk of developing serious flu complications, including pregnant people and young children



Learn more at: [Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency](#)

CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY



Discard your live tree **after Christmas** or when it is dry.

Make sure your tree is **3 feet away** from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also make sure your tree does not block exits.

Think about using **battery operated** flameless candles.

Water your tree everyday.
A dry tree is dangerous because it can catch on fire easily.

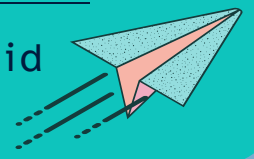
Learn more at: [LAFD Fire Safety](#)

NATIONAL APP DAY - DECEMBER 11



DOWNLOAD THE FEMA APP TODAY

Available on IOS and Android



PLAN:

You can learn basic preparedness strategies like how to create a family emergency communication plan, what to pack in your emergency kit, and what to do immediately after a disaster.

PROTECT:

You can receive real-time weather and emergency alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide. The app can also help you find a nearby shelter if needed.

RECOVER:

Find out if your location is eligible for FEMA assistance, or find Disaster Recovery Center locations. Instantly connect with FEMA's disaster resources so you quickly find help.