

# BEFORE THE THREAT

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## > a note about habitat

If you believe your property contains any rare, threatened or endangered species or related sensitive habitat, a permit from the City of San Marcos/San Marcos Fire Protection District in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife may be required prior to clearing.

Please call the City's environmental planner at (760) 744-1050, ext. 3222 or U.S. Fish and Wildlife at (760) 431-9440 for more information.

If you have further questions or concerns about your home or a specific hazard, please contact the San Marcos Fire Department Vegetation Management Office at (760) 744-1050, ext. 3409.



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a message from the **san marcos fire department**

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Dear Resident,

This “Before the Threat” packet includes property and life-saving information. Please take time to review it.

This disaster preparedness, response, evacuation and recovery information will help you, your family and your community during the next significant disaster. We must all be prepared – government and citizens alike – in the event we experience a disaster like a fire storm, earthquake, flood or terrorist attack.

This special “Before the Threat” package is being delivered door-to-door in San Marcos to help get the word out about disaster preparedness. It is provided to you by the San Marcos Fire Department and Farmers Insurance.

The success of the emergency response effort and the recovery phase of a disaster is often dependent on how well citizens are prepared. Therefore, I encourage you to become familiar with the information enclosed and incorporate it into your family disaster planning and readiness preparation.

For more information, please visit the San Marcos Fire Department online at [www.san-marcos.net](http://www.san-marcos.net).

Sincerely,



Todd Newman | Fire Chief

## > fire safety tips to remember

- > Post visible address marker on a contrasting background
- > Create 100-150 feet of defensible space
- > Clear combustible material from under deck and home
- > Keep roof, eaves, and attic vents clean of debris, dead leaves, and pine needles
- > Trim trees and shrubs away from buildings and provide a 10-foot clearance around chimneys
- > Keep tree branches limbed six feet above ground
- > Keep roads and driveways clear of overhead trees and overgrown brush and grass to maintain evacuation routes and access for fire apparatus
- > Keep property free of accumulated combustibles such as dried vegetation, cuttings, wood piles, and combustible material
- > Keep firewood 30 feet from structure
- > Maintain clearance of 10 feet around propane tank
- > Maintaining your home and property is a homeowner's responsibility