01 / PACK AND PLAN

Ready to leave

Cochiti Lake Emergency Preparedness Guide

Preparing ahead of time can help protect you, your household, and your pets during wildfires, evacuations, and extended utility outages.

1. Preparing a go bag

Keep an easy-to-carry bag where you can reach it quickly. Prepare supplies for each household member, including:

01 Prescription medications, a current medication list, glasses, hearing aid batteries, and necessary medical supplies.

02 Copies of identification, insurance information, emergency contacts, and important documents in a waterproof pouch.

03 Drinking water, ready-to-eat food, a flashlight, extra batteries, phone chargers, and a charged power bank.

04 A first aid kit, personal hygiene supplies, sturdy shoes, a change of clothing, and a warm layer.

05 Cash, spare keys, and a printed map.

06 For pets: food, water, medications, vaccination records, leash, carrier, and waste supplies.

Keep a short “grab before leaving” list for medications and other items used daily. Check supplies regularly and replace expired items.

5. Creating a household communication plan

Write down and practice a plan that includes:

- An out-of-area friend or relative who can serve as a shared contact.
- A nearby meeting place and another outside the affected community.
- Important phone numbers carried on paper.
- Who will help children, dependent adults, and pets.
- How household members will reconnect if separated.

Make sure everyone knows the plan and where emergency supplies are stored.

02 / UTILITIES

When utilities go out

2. Preparing for extended utility outages

Maintain supplies at home in addition to your portable go bag. Store at least one gallon of water per person per day for several days, with additional water for pets and individual needs. Keep nonperishable food and a manual can opener available.

- Use battery-powered lights and keep phones and power banks charged.
- Have a battery-powered or hand-crank radio.
- Plan for safe heating, cooling, and backup power for essential medical equipment.
- Arrange another place to stay if your home becomes unsafe because of temperature, loss of water, or medical equipment needs.

Operate generators outdoors, at least 20 feet from doors, windows, and vents. Never run one in a home or garage. Maintain working carbon monoxide alarms.

Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. An unopened refrigerator generally keeps food safe for about four hours; a full freezer holds its temperature for approximately 48 hours, or 24 hours if half full. Follow official water advisories during an outage.

Local utility information

Electricity — PNM: Check the outage map for reported outages, estimated restoration times, and updates:

https://outagemap.pnm.com/

Report a power outage at https://www.pnm.com/outage or call 1-888-342-5766. Stay away from downed power lines and anything touching them.

Water — Cochiti Community Development Corporation (CCDC): Check for CCDC notices, water information, and community utility updates:

https://cochitilakeinformation.info/

Follow any water-use restrictions or drinking-water instructions issued by CCDC. Bookmark these websites before an outage so you can quickly find utility information.

03 / WILDFIRE

Ready. Set. Go.

3. Wildfire preparedness and evacuation

Use New Mexico’s Ready, Set, Go! approach:

READY

Ready: Prepare your home, pack emergency supplies, plan transportation, and identify places you could stay with pets.

SET

Set: Closely monitor official updates, gather household members and pets, and prepare to leave promptly.

GO

Go: Evacuate immediately when instructed. Leave earlier if you feel threatened or need extra time.

Reduce combustible materials around your home, including dry vegetation and debris near the structure. Plan evacuation options in advance, and follow current official instructions when selecting a route.

Do not wait for an evacuation order if conditions threaten your safety, and do not delay departure to collect belongings.

For additional wildfire preparedness guidance, visit Ready, Set, Go! New Mexico:

https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/fire-prevention-programs/ready-set-go-new-mexico/

04 / ALERTS AND ASSISTANCE

Stay informed. Plan support.

4. Receiving emergency alerts and reliable updates

Register for Sandoval County Alerts and Notifications (SCAN). Text SANDOVALNM to 888777, or register through the county's SCAN webpage:

https://www.sandovalcountynm.gov/departments/scan/

Pay attention to local news coverage and updates from official websites and social media accounts, including:

- **Cochiti Fire Department**
- **Town of Cochiti Lake**
- **Sandoval County**

Always call 911 for emergencies. Do not report emergencies through social media, email, or website contact forms. These channels may not be monitored continuously.

6. Planning for residents who need assistance

Arrange support before an emergency. Consider transportation, mobility, hearing or vision needs, language, memory difficulties, and dependence on medical equipment.

Identify trusted people who can help, with a backup if the first person is unavailable. Plan accessible transportation and bring necessary mobility aids, communication devices, medications, and service animal supplies.

Discuss backup power and equipment needs with your healthcare provider and equipment supplier.

Further information

For additional information on emergency planning, disaster preparedness, and safety resources, visit the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management:

https://www.dhsem.nm.gov/