# NEIGHBORHOOD
# NETWORKS

Setting up neighborhood networks like Neighborhood Watch before a disaster can help you get good and reliable information after a disaster. Organize and prepare your neighborhood to:

- Care for children and the elderly.
- Care for people with mobility problems or disabilities.
- Rescue household pets.
- Activate phone trees.
- Turn off utilities when a neighbor is absent.
- Take Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.
- Learn First Aid and CPR.
- Become a HAM Radio Operator
- Learn about the resources already in your neighborhood.

For more information on neighborhood preparedness and CERT training, visit: www.santacruzcountycert.org

**TIP** Neighborhood Networks should meet at least once a year to update rosters, include new residents and update plans for working with those with mobility issues.

# COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS - CERT

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program trains residents on disaster preparedness and hazards that may impact their area. You will learn basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using classroom training and practical exercises, CERT members will learn to assist their neighbors and co-workers after a disaster when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members are encouraged to support first responders by becoming leaders in emergency preparedness in their community
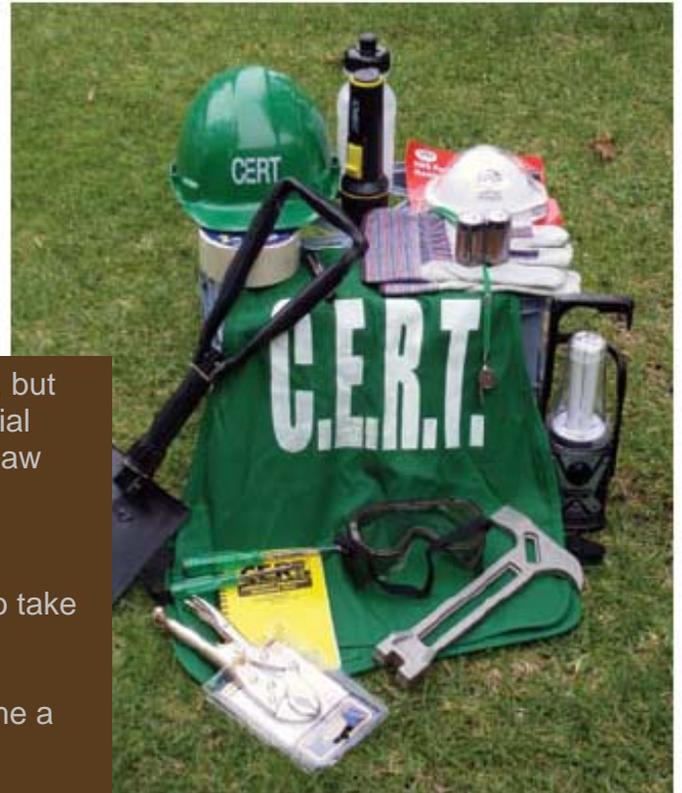
The Fire and Sheriff's Departments provide CERT training, but CERT volunteers do not work for Santa Cruz County. Official volunteers are registered with county or city departments, law enforcement, community based organizations or other government agencies.

In a disaster, CERT volunteers have the skills necessary to take care of themselves, their families, and their community.

For more information about CERT and how you can become a CERT member, visit www.santacruzcountycert.org

## LOCAL CERT TEAMS

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