

Fire readiness built on lessons learned

Thirty-five years ago, the Oakland hills experienced the most destructive fire in East Bay history. Since then, wildfires have become more frequent and intense across California.

Today, EBMUD applies lessons from that disaster to our year-round emergency plans.

No municipal water system is designed to battle large-scale, wind-driven wildfires where urban development and wildland vegetation meet. But through investments, partnerships, training and planning, we work every day to reduce risk and strengthen our ability to provide reliable water service when it's needed most.

Protecting watersheds and communities

EBMUD manages nearly 60,000 acres of watershed lands in the East Bay and Sierra Nevada foothills. Wildfire prevention measures include:

- Watershed fuel break construction and maintenance
- Dead and hazardous tree removal
- Prescribed fires to reduce fuels
- Fire road maintenance
- Vegetation control

Building a resilient water system

To ensure reliable water supplies during emergencies, EBMUD:

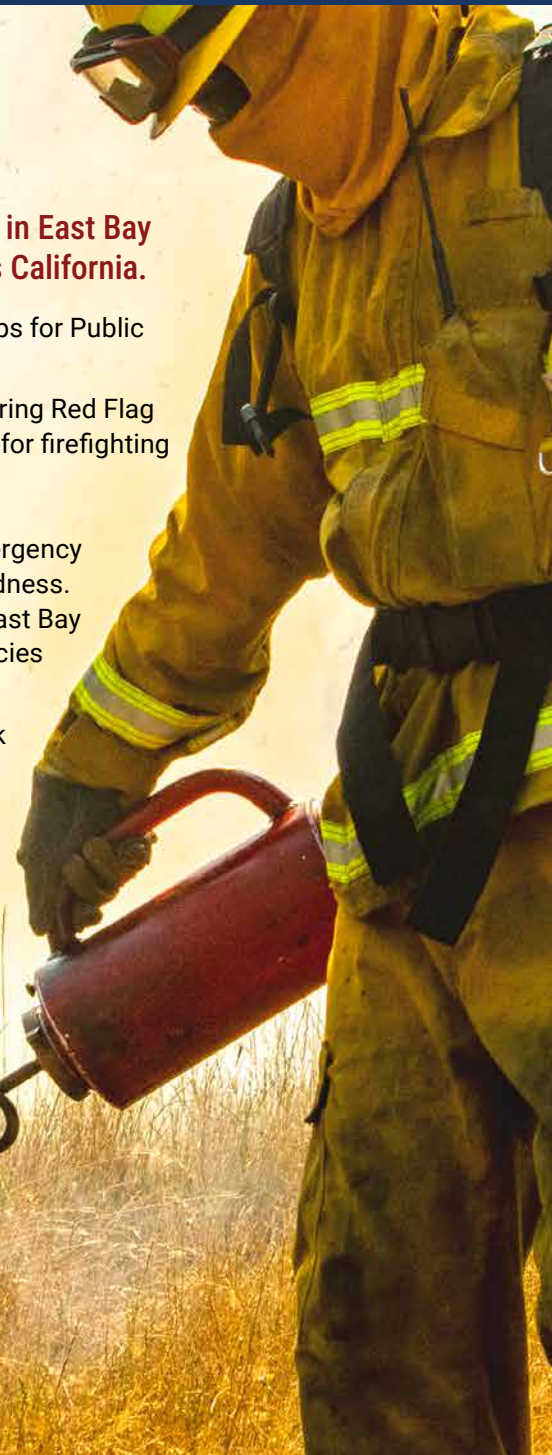
- Maintains backup generators at critical facilities

- Deploys portable generators and pumps for Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)
- Tops off neighborhood water tanks during Red Flag Warnings to maximize water available for firefighting

Working together

- EBMUD helped establish the Hills Emergency Forum to strengthen regional preparedness. We also work with fire departments, East Bay Regional Park District, and other agencies to coordinate planning and response.
- California's mutual assistance network allows utilities to share resources.

These efforts combined help EBMUD build a safer, more resilient East Bay.



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Be ready: store emergency water now

When disaster strikes, clean water is essential.
Every East Bay resident should have an emergency
water supply stored at home.



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EBMUD prepares for emergencies and prioritizes reliability, but a major earthquake or other emergency could impact water service for days or more. A supply of emergency water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene can help you get through the immediate aftermath of a disaster so you can focus on other needs.

We recommend two gallons of water per person per day, for seven days. But some is better than none. For a family of four, about 30 gallons of emergency water is a good place to start. Take action now to be better prepared for the unexpected.

Emergency Water Supply

Store 2 gallons per person
per day for 3–7 days.
Plus extra for pets.

- ☒ Store tap water in clean, food-grade plastic containers
- ☒ Seal containers tightly and keep in a cool, dark place
- ☒ Reserve stored water for drinking and food prep
- ☒ Replace tap water every 6 months

Celebrate 75 years of a clean bay

For 75 years, EBMUD's wastewater treatment system has helped transform the East Bay into a cleaner, healthier environment for everyone to enjoy. Through innovation and stewardship, we've reduced pollution, improved water quality, protected wildlife, and safeguarded the Bay for generations. Join EBMUD's Clean Bay Open House on Saturday, September 26 (10 am - 2 pm).



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EBMUD Mission Statement

To manage the natural resources with which the District is entrusted; to provide reliable, high-quality water and wastewater services at fair and reasonable rates for the people of the East Bay; and to preserve and protect the environment for future generations.

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