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What is RYLAN?

RYLAN is a FREE program that gives you the steps to take immediately after a disaster to help keep you, your family, and your neighborhood safe. It provides the tools to prepare and organize your neighborhood to respond together in that first hour after a disaster to reduce injuries, protect your property and the environment, and most importantly, to save lives.



FAQ

Below you will find answers to our most asked questions about Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN) workshops.

- Q:** How can I organize a workshop for my neighborhood?
A: In order to organize a workshop, either you or someone from your neighborhood will need to contact us to set one up. Visit www.readyla.org/workshops to sign up. EMD staff will review your request and contact you within two weeks to schedule a workshop. To find out how many households are needed to get a workshop started, refer to question 11 about the right size for a workshop.
- Q:** How can I join workshops currently being organized in my neighborhood?
A: We unfortunately cannot connect you to workshops currently being organized because we do not keep the addresses due to privacy concerns. Please visit www.readyla.org/workshops to host a workshop.
- Q:** How long is the workshop?
A: 90 minutes more or less, depending on how engaged your neighbors are.
- Q:** Can I schedule the workshop during weekends?
A: Yes. Whenever works best for your neighborhood. Virtual workshops led by EMD are available on weekends on a case-by-case basis.
- Q:** Is the workshop free?
A: Yes! The workshop is 100% free.
- Q:** Who is eligible to host or participate in the workshop?
A: Any resident of the City of Los Angeles can sign up for a workshop.
- Q:** Do I need any special skills or background to set up a workshop for my neighborhood?
A: Not at all! Everyone is welcome to host or attend the workshop.
- Q:** What tools or equipment do I need to host the workshop?
A: It depends on your workshop set-up (in-person or virtual). An EMD representative will help you figure out what works best for your set-up.
- Q:** Is the workshop in person or virtual?
A: Workshops are currently being held in person and online. However, due to COVID-19, EMD encourages you to hold your workshop online and will be happy to support virtually.
- Q:** Who facilitates the workshops?
A: You may choose to facilitate the workshop yourself, or EMD staff can do so upon request.

FAQ (Cont.)

- 11. Q:** How many households should be in a RYLAN plan?
A: Each RYLAN plan should have enough households to cover an area small enough for you to reach all people in the first hour of an emergency.
- 12. Q:** What's the the number of houses you can reach within an hour?
A: It can vary depending on where you live. For example, if you live in a canyon, you may be able to just reach 5 to 7 households, but if you live in a small apartment building, you can reach all households in the same building.
- 13. Q:** What if I don't know my neighbors?
A: We can help you meet your neighbors with workshop invitation templates and informational flyers that you can share with your neighbors to get started.
- 14. Q:** What resources would RYLAN provide during the workshop?
A: The RYLAN workshop participants can meet their neighbors and work together to develop and identify resources that could prove crucial in an emergency situation. These resources include:
- A Neighborhood Response Plan
 - A Skills & Equipment Inventory
 - A Neighborhood Contact List that maps out those most vulnerable in the neighborhood
 - A Neighborhood Walk Through
- 15. Q:** What does a neighborhood response plan include?
A: It will include a list of skills and equipment that you and your neighbors possess, what steps to take immediately after a disaster, and how to break up into response teams.
- 16. Q:** In what languages are the workshop materials available?
A: The materials are available in multiple languages. Please contact EMD for details.
- 17. Q:** Does the workshop provide resources for families with pets and people with disabilities and/or functional needs?
A: Yes. EMD will provide a checklist and guidebooks to go along with your workshop materials.
- 18. Q:** What happens after the workshop?
A: In six months to a year, you and your neighbors can practice your RYLAN plan with EMD by scheduling a drill.
- 19. Q:** I am concerned about my privacy and would not like to share my personal information.
A: The City of Los Angeles will neither retain nor maintain any information you provide as part of the program, including information contained on the "Neighborhood Skills and Equipment Inventory," "Neighborhood Response Teams," and "Contact List." Updating and maintaining this information remains the responsibility of each participating RYLAN neighborhood.
- 20. Q:** I have a family emergency plan. Why do I need a neighborhood emergency plan too?
A: In a major disaster, traditional 911 and first responders may not be able to respond right away. Your neighbors will likely be the first ones to offer you assistance. A prepared neighborhood is more effective in responding to a disaster and have increased capacity to be self-sufficient until first responders arrive.
- 21. Q:** Where can I find more information about the workshop?
A: Please visit www.readyla.org or call us at **213-484-4800**. You may also contact via email at emdcommunications@lacity.org.