Contra Costa’s Community Warning System (CWS) is an all-hazards integrated system designed to warn and inform our residents about an emergency or disaster and the protective action residents need to take to stay safe.

There are several ways residents can receive CWS Alerts. For more information and to register for alerts please visit [www.cococws.us](http://www.cococws.us).

**What is CWS?**
An integrated system designed to warn and inform our community in the event of an emergency.

**When is CWS activated?**
CWS may be activated whenever there is an imminent threat to life and health.

**How can I get CWS alerts?**
You can receive text, voice and e-mail alerts upon registration.

You can register your mobile device on our website at [www.cococws.us](http://www.cococws.us) or by calling CWS at 925-313-9622.

**What do I need to do after I get an alert?**
Follow the instructions included in the emergency message. Stay off the phone and do not call 911 unless you have an emergency to report at your location. Listen for important follow-up instructions from officials.

**Who activates the system**
The CWS system is activated by the CWS staff on behalf of law enforcement agencies, fire departments and other agencies in case of imminent threat to life or health.

**What else can I do to be prepared?**
- Register for Emergency Alerts
- Follow CoCoCWS on Facebook & Twitter
- Bookmark the website to see a map of the affected area
- Buy a weather radio
- Write an emergency plan that fits your family
- Practice your emergency plan

For any questions or concerns please contact CWS at 925-313-9622 or cws-staff@so.cccounty.us