

August's Featured Items: Local Maps



This guide includes how to print local, topographic, and extended area maps. One item a month. One step closer to being prepared!

When an emergency strikes, it may be too late to begin planning. An emergency can happen at any time so the key to survival is planning ahead. By gathering emergency supplies in advance, you and your family will be much more prepared for an evacuation or extended stay at home.

It is important to include local and regional maps in your emergency kit as well as in your vehicle. Make sure all members of your family are aware of evacuation routes that are available in the event of an emergency. These maps are especially helpful if you are unfamiliar with evacuation routes or if you need to use detours. These maps, combined with a compass, will give you an advantage in the event of an emergency.

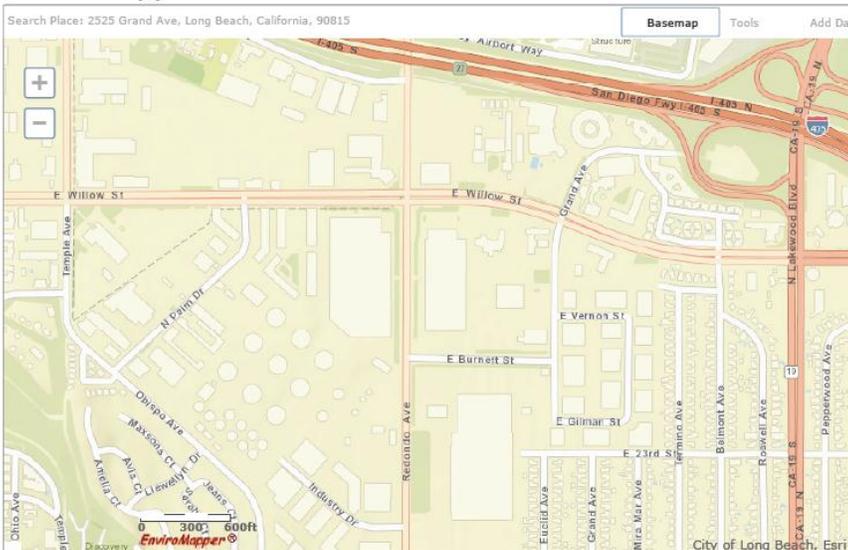
Some important things to consider while planning for an emergency:

- Designate places where your family will meet, both within and outside of your immediate neighborhood, and be sure all family members are aware of these locations.
- Become familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area.
- Choose several destinations in different directions so you have options in an emergency.

A compass is good to have if you need to walk. You likely know your way around your local area or neighborhood and the direction to travel. However, if you are caught outside your area of knowledge, it is handy to have a compass and map.

Here are some types of maps to consider:

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1. Detailed local map

You need the most detailed local map you can possibly get. Local means just your town, or if you are in a large city, your neighborhood and the areas you frequent. It is important to be able to navigate in and out of your town in an emergency.

To print one go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/emefdata/em4ef.home>

- 1) Type in addresses
- 2) Go to side bar on right hand side
- 3) Select "Base Map" tab
- 4) Select "Streets"
- 5) Zoom out enough to see the main streets.
- 6) Go to top bar >> Tools >>Print Map

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2. Regional Topography Map

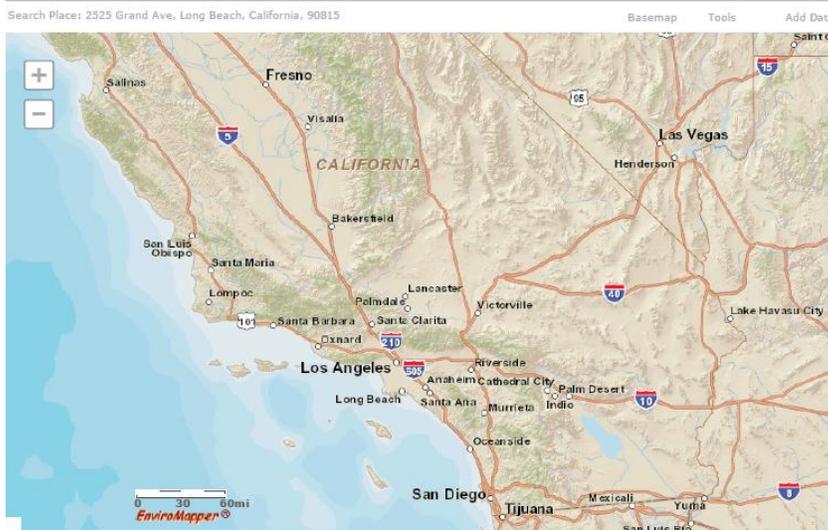
A regional topographic map will need to be used in the event of a serious regional emergency or a total collapse scenario when you are going to need to head towards important natural resources like a water source.

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- 3) Select "Base Map" tab
- 4) Select "Topographic"
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3. Extended Area Map

In the event of an all out catastrophe, having an extended area map is crucial. If you need to evacuate your area completely, a state map that includes neighboring states can help you plan an escape route.

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- 1) Type in address
- 2) Go to top bar on right hand side
- 3) Select "Base Map" tab
- 4) Select "National Geographic"
- 5) Zoom out enough to see the main highways.
- 6) Go to top bar >> Tools >> Print Map