



When an earthquake or other disaster strikes. . .Be Prepared!

Smart Californians know that a quake can happen anytime. Be sure to have these items ready and know where they are...

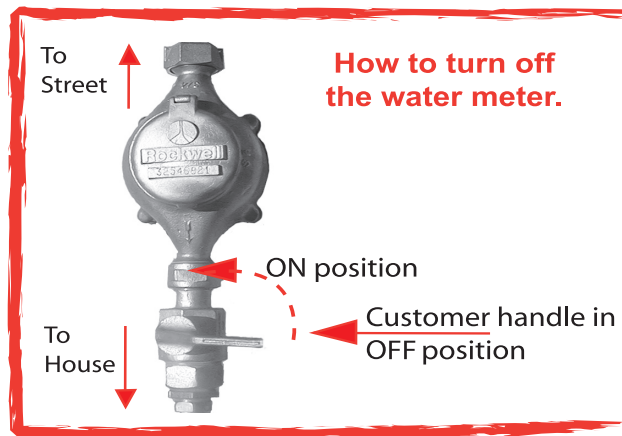
- Portable radio and extra batteries
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Water for each family member – One gallon per person per day with enough for at least three days (don't forget about family pets)
- Food – canned, manual can opener, powdered milk for at least one week
- Required medications and eyeglasses
- Adjustable wrench to turn off gas or water
- Alternative means of cooking such as barbecue or camp stove
- Liquid chlorine bleach non-scented (for example, Clorox® Regular-Bleach) to disinfect drinking water
- Blankets, warm clothes, shoes, gloves, protective goggles, hard hat
- Useful tools – sledge hammer, crow bar, saw, duct tape, rope

Remember:

Following an earthquake be prepared for several aftershocks; remain calm to reassure yourself and others. The shaking will eventually stop.

Useful Information...

- The safest places in your home are away from heavy objects, appliances, windows, pictures, mirrors. During a quake, stay away from the kitchen!
- Know the locations of gas, water and electrical shut-offs and know how to use them.
- Set a location where family members will reunite. Remember you may have to remain at work or school for a few days.
- Have a central person of contact, preferably one who resides outside California.
- Know the locations of the nearest police and fire stations and medical centers.



In case of water leaking from broken pipes – turn off the main valve to the house, or locate the meter serving the property and rotate the valve ¼ turn.

Following a Quake...

- Before moving, have protection on your feet.
- Check others for injuries.
- Inspect for fire or fire hazards.
- Check for:
 - Water leaks (shut off at meter or at main house valve if any doubt)
 - Gas leaks (shut off main if in doubt).
 - Electrical damage (shut off service if in doubt).
- Be extremely careful in and around a kitchen, where broken glass, heavy appliances and spilled cleaning supplies can pose extra hazards. Use work gloves to protect your hands.
- Be sure telephone handset is in its cradle.
- Locate your food and water supplies.
- Be sure your pets are secure.
- Listen to the radio for emergency instructions and information.

DO NOT...

- Do not eat or drink anything from open containers.
- Do not use lighters or candles for lighting – gas leaks or aftershocks could cause a fire.
- Do not use the phone unless there's an emergency.

How to Disinfect Water to Drink in an Emergency

1. Strain water through a clean cloth to remove particles.
2. Liquid chlorine bleach non-scented (for example, Clorox® Regular-Bleach) can be used as a disinfectant. Check the label to be certain it contains 5.25% sodium hypochlorite solution.

Mix water and bleach thoroughly in the following proportions:

If water is:	Clear	Cloudy
1 gallon	8 drops	16 drops
5 gallons	3/4 tsp	1 1/2 tsp

3. Let stand 30 minutes before using. A slight chlorine odor should be detected. If not, repeat the dosage and let stand for an additional 15 minutes.

Water may also be disinfected by bringing it to a rapid boil for a full minute.

Other emergency sources of water include bottled water, water heater storage tank, ice cubes from the refrigerator and water in toilet tanks, provided no chemicals are in use. Save water from canned foods.

DO NOT use pool or spa water for drinking or cooking. However, it can be used for cleaning, flushing or fire suppression.

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
Lost Hills Sheriff	818-878-1808
City of Agoura Hills	818-597-7300
City of Calabasas	818-224-1600
City of Hidden Hills	818-888-9281
City of Malibu	310-456-2489
City of Westlake Village	818-706-1613
Las Virgenes Unified School District	818-880-4000
AT&T	866-999-6181
So. California Edison	800-684-8123
The Gas Company	800-427-2200

What's **SHAKING** with your **WATER?**

In Case of Emergency -
A handy guide on how to prepare for
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