



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 accessible...

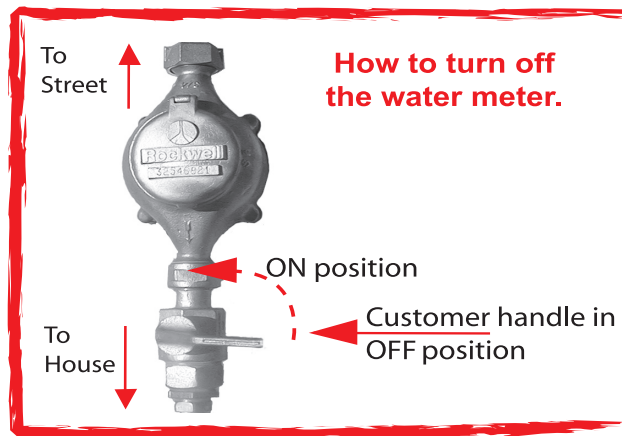
- Portable radio and extra batteries
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Shoes - available under bed and in car
- First aid kit
- Water for each family member – One gallon per person per day with enough for at least three days
- Food and water for pets
- Non-perishable food items, such as canned food, granola bars, MREs, etc.
- Manual can opener
- Required medications and eyeglasses
- Other means of cooking, such as 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, adjustable wrench
- A car charger for your cell phone

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, 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...

- Put on shoes before moving around to prevent cuts from broken glass and debris.
- Check others for injuries.
- Inspect for fire or fire hazards.
- Check for:
 - Water heater
 - 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 kitchen, where broken glass, heavy appliances and spilled cleaning supplies can pose extra hazards. Use work gloves to protect your hands.
- If you have a house phone, make sure the 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...

- Eat or drink anything from open containers.
- Use lighters or candles for lighting – gas leaks or aftershocks could cause a fire.

How to Disinfect Drinking Water 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 drinking water include bottled water, water from canned foods, water from your hot-water tank, and ice cubes from the refrigerator. As a last resort, you can also use water in toilet tanks (not the bowls), provided no chemicals are in use.

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
So. California Edison	(800) 684-8123
SoCal Gas	(800) 427-2200
Office of Emergency Services:	
California -	www.caloes.ca.gov
County of Los Angeles -	lacoa.org

What's **SHAKING**

with your
WATER?

In Case of Emergency -
A handy guide on how to
be prepare for quakes
and other emergency events

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

4232 Las Virgenes Road
Calabasas, CA 91302
(818) 251-2200

LVMWD.com

