



When an earthquake or other natural disaster strikes. . .

HAVE ON HAND AND ACCESSIBLE

- Portable radio and extra batteries
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Water for each family member – 1 gallon per person per day with enough for at least three days. Don't forget about family pets
- Food – canned, can opener, powdered milk for at least one week
- Required medication, eyeglasses
- Pipe or crescent wrenches to turn off gas and water
- Alternate means of cooking, like a barbecue or camp stove
- Chlorine bleach to purify drinking water
- Blankets, warm clothes, shoes, gloves, protective goggles, hard hat
- A non-portable, non-cordless phone
- Helpful tools, such as a sledge hammer, saw, crow bar, duct tape, rope, etc.

BE AWARE OF. . .

- The safest places in your home to be: away from heavy objects, appliances, glass, pictures, or mirrors
- The location of gas, electric and water main shutoffs, as well as how to turn them off
- Where your family members will meet after the earthquake. (Remember: you may have to stay at work, school, etc. for a few days.)
- Who all family and friends will call as a central contact. This person should be out of the immediate area; i.e. another state
- The location of the nearest fire and police stations, and medical centers

REMEMBER:

If there has been an earthquake, be prepared for aftershocks.

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,

CHECK FOR. . .

- Injuries
- Fire or fire hazards
- Gas leaks (Shut off main if any doubt)
- Electrical damage (Shut off power if any doubt)
- Make sure the phones' handset is on the cradle
- Water leaks (Shut off at water meter or main valve to house if any doubt)
- Water and food supplies

AND DO NOT. . .

- Eat or drink anything from open containers
- Use lighters or candles until you are sure there are no gas leaks
- Use the phone except for emergencies

HOW TO DISINFECT WATER TO DRINK IN AN EMERGENCY

1. Strain water through clean cloth or handkerchief to remove particles.
2. Liquid chlorine bleach can be used as a purifier. Check the label to be certain it contains 5.25% sodium hypochlorite solution.

Mix water and bleach thoroughly, in the following proportions:

Amount of Bleach to add. . .

If Water is:	Clear	Cloudy
1 gallon	8 drops	16 drops
5 gallons	1/2 tsp.	1 tsp.

3. Let stand for 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 purified by bringing it to a rapid boil for a full minute.

Emergency sources of water include the hot water heater and water in the toilet tanks. **DO NOT** use swimming pool or spa water as a primary source of drinking water.

Important Phone Numbers

EMERGENCY	911
Lost Hills Sheriff	818.878.1808
City of Agoura Hills	818.597.7300
City of Calabasas	818.878.4225
City of Hidden Hills	818.888.9281
City of Malibu	310.456.2489
City of Westlake Village	818.706.1613
So. Cal Edison	800.684.8123
The Gas Co.	800.427.2200
Las Virgenes Unified School District	818.880.4000
Pacific Bell	866.999.6181

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

Helpful tips and phone numbers to keep you ready for an emergency

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

4232 Las Virgenes Road
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