

PREPARE!

GATHER SUPPLIES TO LAST AT EAST 72 HOURS

- Put together a basic kit for home, car, and office including equipment, provisions and at least one (1) gallon of water per person per day.
- Use a container large enough to hold all supplies, but small enough to handle without difficulty (a day pack or small duffle bag for car and office, and a heavy duty plastic bag for home). A suggested list is attached.

SAFETY SURVEY YOUR HOME

- Check each room with “earthquake eyes”. Sit in each room and think “if a major quake hit right now, what would injure me?” Fix any hazard.

KITCHEN

- An unprepared kitchen is the most hazardous room in the house.
- Shattered glass, spilled chemicals, gas fed fires and falling objects are potential hazards.

BEDROOM

- Are there any objects that could fall and injure you in bed or block your escape route?
- Place shoes, flashlight, extra set of car keys, name and telephone number of relatives and friends that need to be contacted in plastic bag tied to leg at head of bed.

BATHROOM

- Broken glass is the greatest potential hazard.
- Wear heavy shoes when entering bathroom after quake.

LIVING AREAS OF HOME

- Attach tall objects in all rooms to *wall studs*.
- Place heavy objects on floor or lower shelves.
- Store most valuable breakables on lowest shelves.

GARAGE AND LAUNDRY ROOM

- Water heater should be strapped with lag bolts to studs in wall; one strap 1/3 distance from the top and another 1/3 distance from the bottom.
- Gas water heater and gas stove in kitchen should use flexible gas line that will move in a quake.
- Place heavy objects on lower garage shelving around car. Store flammable material in well-marked, unbreakable containers in low cabinet. (safely dispose of any hazardous material no longer needed.)
- Know how to open electric garage door if power is off.

AUTOMOBILES

- Always keep gas tank at least $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ full.
- Place emergency supplies in trunk of car.
- When you get new eye glasses, place the old pair in your glove compartment.
- Place a flashlight in your glove compartment.
- Keep a cell phone charger in your car.

EXTERIOR - PROTECT AGAINST FIRE

- Keep lawns trimmed, leaves raked, roof and rain gutters free from debris.
- Thin trees and shrubs within 30 feet of your house. Beyond 30 feet, remove dead wood, debris and low tree branches.
- If possible, store flammable materials in metal containers at least 30 feet from your house and wooden fences. Get rid of any material that isn't absolutely needed.
- Store fireplace wood 30 feet from the house.
- Landscape property with fire resistant plants and vegetation.