

EARTHQUAKE HOUSEHOLD PREPAREDNESS SURVEY



Step 1: Secure your space

- Have you hung plants in lightweight pots with closed hooks, well-secured to a joist or stud and far away from windows?

- Have you installed strong latches on kitchen cabinets?

- Have you used flexible connections where gas lines meet appliances?

- Have you removed or locked refrigerator wheels, or secured fridge to studs?

- Have you secured valuable electronic items such as computers and televisions?

- Do you keep breakable items in low or secure cabinets with latches?

- Have you moved heavy plants & other large items to the floor or low shelves?

- Have you hung mirrors and pictures on closed hooks?

- Do you keep heavy, unstable objects away from doors and exit routes?

- Have you placed beds away from windows or items that may fall?

- Have you secured knick-knacks & small valuable items with museum putty?

- Have you braced overhead light fixtures?



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- Have you secured top-heavy furniture to studs?

- Have you trimmed hazardous tree limbs?

- Have you secured your water heater with metal straps attached to studs?

Step 2: Create a plan & strengthen your home

- Have you stored fire extinguishers in easily-accessible locations?

- Do you keep several flashlights in easily-accessible places around the house?

- Do you keep a wrench or turn-off tool near your gas meter?

- Do you know the location of your main electrical shut-off (fuse box/circuit breaker)?

- Is your Home Emergency Plan accessible? Does everyone in the family know their role?

- Do you keep a flashlight, hard-soled slippers, and gloves next to beds?

- Do you keep your car gas tank at least half full?

- Have you reinforced your brick chimney?

- Have you stored potentially hazardous materials like cleaners, fertilizers, etc., in appropriate containers and in sturdy cabinets fastened to wall or door?

- Have you consulted a carpenter and electrician to determine whether light fixtures and modular ceiling systems are securely fastened?

- Have you secured your woodstove to the wall or floor? Do you keep a fire extinguisher close to it?

