

Earthquake Preparedness Checklist

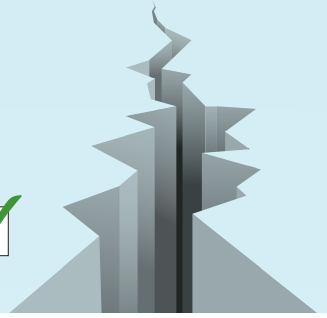
There is a 99% chance of a magnitude 6.7 or greater earthquake striking the Golden State during the next 30 years, according to the California Earthquake Authority. Are you prepared for the “Big One?” Homeowners should take the necessary precautions to minimize property damage before a quake strikes. Mercury Insurance wants to keep you safe, so the company has compiled a checklist with the things you need to consider when creating your earthquake preparedness and safety plan.

Your Property

HOME EXTERIOR

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate roof for any weak spots | <input type="checkbox"/> Inspect the foundation of your home for cracks | <input type="checkbox"/> Scale back or relocate trees that could fall on and cause damage to your home during an earthquake |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reinforce brick chimneys or other masonry | <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthen walls within a crawl space | <input type="checkbox"/> Secure home to foundation with anchor bolts every 4 to 6 feet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brace “soft” first floor of a home with large openings like a garage door, or a hillside house built on stilts | <input type="checkbox"/> Locate your breaker box and label the switches clearly | |

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HOME INTERIOR

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Secure water heater with two metal straps attached to studs | <input type="checkbox"/> Secure items in your garage to reduce hazardous material spills, prevent damage to vehicles and maintain access to exits | <input type="checkbox"/> Use flexible connectors for gas appliances to prevent fires |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Install latches to secure cabinet doors | <input type="checkbox"/> Secure refrigerator to walls with earthquake appliance straps | <input type="checkbox"/> Remove or lock refrigerator wheels to prevent movement during an earthquake |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Place beds away from windows and heavy items that could fall including mirrors – only lightweight or soft items such as tapestries should hang over a bed | <input type="checkbox"/> Hang pictures and mirrors on closed hooks | <input type="checkbox"/> Move heavy furniture, such as bookshelves, away from areas people sit or sleep |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Keep unstable or heavy objects away from doorways | <input type="checkbox"/> Secure top-heavy furniture to studs | <input type="checkbox"/> Secure small valuables and home décor with non-damaging adhesives – clear quake gel, earthquake putty or microcrystalline wax |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lock important documents and irreplaceable valuables in a waterproof, fire resistant box | <input type="checkbox"/> Scan photos and documents and upload them to a secure cloud storage site | |
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CREATE AN EMERGENCY PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Establish an emergency contact out of the area who can be called by everyone to relay important information | <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss a meeting spot in your neighborhood or city | <input type="checkbox"/> Practice “Drop, Cover and Hold On” |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Identify protective spots in every room – under sturdy tables or against interior walls | <input type="checkbox"/> Store a fire extinguisher in an easily accessible location in your house | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep shoes and a flashlight close to each bed in the house |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training course | <input type="checkbox"/> Teach every member of your household to use their emergency whistle or knock three times repeatedly if they are trapped | <input type="checkbox"/> Identify the locations of utility shutoffs – keep the necessary tool(s) near that location |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide all household members with a list of emergency contact phone numbers | <input type="checkbox"/> Be aware of the earthquake plan in place at your children’s school or daycare | |

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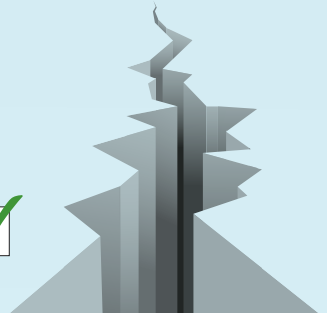


Your Property

HOUSEHOLD DISASTER KIT (Two weeks' worth)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Large water/bug proof container | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-perishable food items | <input type="checkbox"/> Dried fruits and nuts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned goods | <input type="checkbox"/> One gallon of water per person per day | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking utensils – can opener, knives, spatula, spoons, tongs, pot holders, cutting board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grill for cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra fuel for grill | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof matches or lighter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pots and pans with lids | <input type="checkbox"/> Plates, bowls, cups | <input type="checkbox"/> Forks, spoons, knives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dish towel, soap, sponge | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm clothes | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothes and sneakers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tent | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bags | <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow and cushion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra blankets | <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy duty plastic bags | <input type="checkbox"/> Protective goggles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Dust masks | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrenches, multi-tool and other necessary tools to turn off utilities |

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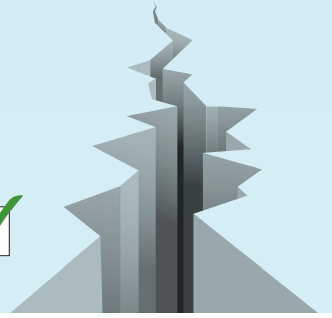


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HOUSEHOLD DISASTER KIT (Two weeks' worth)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire extinguisher | <input type="checkbox"/> Hand crank portable radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra batteries for radio and flashlights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional flashlights and/or headlamps | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle | <input type="checkbox"/> Games, toys, crayons, coloring books and stuffy for children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pet food and bowls | <input type="checkbox"/> Leashes, harnesses and comfort/play items for pets | <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit – bandages, dehydration salts, gauze, anti-histamines and aspirin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medications and copies of prescriptions, medical cards, doctors' contact information and consent forms for dependents | <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletry kit – toilet paper, hand sanitizer, tooth brush, toothpaste, sun screen, insect repellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of personal documents – insurance policies, medical records |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency cash | | |

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CAR AND WORK DISASTER KIT (Three days' worth)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacks to hold the following items... | <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit – bandages, dehydration salts, gauze, anti-histamines and aspirin | <input type="checkbox"/> Medications and copies of prescriptions, medical cards, doctors' contact information and consent forms for dependents |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby wipes, toothbrush and toothpaste, feminine products | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency cash | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlights or headlamps | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra batteries and phone charger | <input type="checkbox"/> One gallon of bottled water |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-perishable snack foods | <input type="checkbox"/> Spare eyeglasses or contact lenses with solution | <input type="checkbox"/> At least half tank of gas |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Road maps | | |
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Get Insurance Coverage

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Contact a Mercury Insurance agent to determine your household coverage needs | <input type="checkbox"/> Create an inventory list and keep it current, save receipts and take photos for documentation | <input type="checkbox"/> Update your policy as needed (recommended yearly) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Familiarize yourself with what is and isn't covered | <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase a California Earthquake Authority policy through your Mercury agent | |
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Filing a Claim for Mercury Policyholders if you're property is damaged

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 24/7 claim lines (800) 503-3724 | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide your policy number | <input type="checkbox"/> Include the date, time and location |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Give a description of the damage | <input type="checkbox"/> Take an inventory of damaged property | <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate and document the damage in photos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do not dispose of damaged items | <input type="checkbox"/> Make temporary repairs to protect property from further damage | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep itemized receipts for expenses such as temporary housing, repairs and meals |
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