

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

In light of seasonal wildfires, the City of Agoura Hills wants to ensure our residents are adequately informed and prepared for a future event.

Please review the information and checklist below



WILDFIRE EVACUATION ORDERS

- ✓ Evacuation Warnings may be issued for a particular area in the event of a wildfire.
- ✓ Consider leaving if a voluntary evacuation order is given.
- ✓ Be prepared to evacuate those in need of special assistance and possibly pets and equine.
- ✓ An Evacuation Order is a directive from the Sheriff and/or Fire Department to leave your home or business immediately for your own safety.
- ✓ Failure to follow an evacuation order may result in endangerment to the lives of others, personal injury, or death.

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

- ✓ Contact family members and make sure they are ready to leave.
- ✓ Put personal belongings and documents in your vehicle.
- ✓ Cover windows, attic openings, eaves, and vents with fire resistive material.
- ✓ Close all windows and doors around your home to keep sparks from blowing inside.
- ✓ Move furniture away from windows and sliding glass doors to avoid them igniting from the fire's radiant heat
- ✓ If you have children in school, follow the school's Disaster Plan
- ✓ Follow the evacuation plan instructions and the directions from Public Safety personnel.
- ✓ Drive carefully at a normal speed with your headlights on.

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QUAKE! PREPAREDNESS

The time to prepare for an earthquake is now...not after it happens.

Review the items below and begin to get yourself and your family personally prepared.

BEFORE THE EARTHQUAKE CHECKLIST

- ✓ **Food** – Store enough food for 72 hours, preferably 10 days.
- ✓ **Water** – Store enough so each person has a gallon a day for 72 hours, preferably 10 days.
- ✓ **First Aid Kit** – Make sure it's well stocked, especially with bandages and disinfectants.
- ✓ **Fire Extinguisher** – Your fire extinguisher should be suitable for all types of fire.
- ✓ **Flashlights with Extra Batteries** – Keep flashlights beside your bed and in several other locations.
- ✓ **Consider preparing** a preparedness kit for your pets.
- ✓ **Portable Radio with Extra Batteries** – Most telephones will be out of order or limited to emergency use. The radio will be your best source of information.
- ✓ **Tools** – Have an adjustable or pipe wrench for turning off gas and water.
- ✓ **Identify safe spots in each room**...under sturdy tables or desks, or against interior walls.
- ✓ **Conduct practice drills** so you and your family know the safe locations in your home.
- ✓ **Decide how and where your family will reunite** if separated during an earthquake.
- ✓ **Choose an out-of-state friend/relative** to report your whereabouts and condition.
- ✓ **Learn First Aid and CPR.**
- ✓ **Learn how to shut off gas, water and electricity** in case the lines are damaged.
- ✓ **Check chimneys, roofs, walls, and foundations for stability** – Make sure your house is bolted to its foundation.
- ✓ **Secure your water heater and major appliances** as well as tall, heavy furniture, hanging plants, mirrors, and picture frames (especially those over beds).
- ✓ **Organize your neighborhood** to be self-sufficient after an earthquake.
- ✓ **Take a CERT training class** to be able to assist family, friends, and your neighbors.



DURING THE EARTHQUAKE

- ✓ **If indoors, stay there** – Get under a desk or table or stand in a corner.
- ✓ **If outdoors, get into an open area** away from trees, buildings, walls, and power lines.
- ✓ **If driving, pull over to the side of the road and stop.** Avoid areas around power lines. Stay in your car until the shaking is over.
- ✓ **Do not rush for the doors** if in a crowded public place.
- ✓ **Crouch and cover your head** and neck with your hands and arms.

AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE

- ✓ **Check for gas and water leaks**, and broken electrical wiring or sewage lines. If there is damage turn the utility off at the source and immediately report gas leaks to your utility company. Check for downed power lines; warn others to stay away.
- ✓ **Do not attempt to relight the gas pilot** unless a thorough inspection of your gas lines has taken place. Call the Gas Company for assistance.
- ✓ **Check your building for cracks and damage**, including the roof, chimneys, and foundation.
- ✓ **Turn on your portable radio** for instructions and news reports. For your own safety, cooperate fully with public safety officials and follow instructions.
- ✓ **Be prepared for aftershocks** – Stay calm and lend a hand to others.
- ✓ **If you evacuate, leave a message** at your home telling family members and others where you can be found.

More information:
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