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Earthquake Preparedness

After our 2 significant earthquakes earlier this month, I thought it would be a good idea to offer some tips to prepare for the next one. Make sure your home's foundation has been properly retrofitted for earthquake safety. Ensure that the water heater (tank) is properly strapped. Know the location of and how to operate each of the main utility services; obtain any tools needed to do so. Secure tall and heavy furnishings or decor, such as bookcases and TVs, so they won't topple over. Store breakable and heavy objects on lower shelves and cabinets. Install latches on upper cabinet doors to keep them from swinging open spilling items out. Know the safe spots in each room away from swinging doors and glass windows. Keep a pair of sturdy (and/or steel toe) shoes next to your bed. Have a secondary exit from upper floors, in case the staircase is blocked, damaged or burning. Secure items in the garage that could fall and block or damage the vehicles. Create a Disaster Plan with a designated meeting place outside the residence. Drill all aspects of the plan so it can be executed in the dark and under stress. If you are a renter, ask your landlord to confirm that everything is up to date in compliance with earthquake regulations.

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Tip of the month:

Create a disaster kit with the following items

1. Enough water for all people for a week
2. Emergency cash
3. A flashlight and new batteries
4. An operable fire extinguisher (that you know how to use and have tested yourself)
5. A battery-operated radio that works
6. A first-aid kit with medical supplies
7. Any personal medicines needed
8. Freeze dried, canned (with can-opener) and dried foods (no cooking required) for all people and pets to last a few days
9. Tools needed to operate the main utilities.

Tips:

- A typical water heater tank is a source of 40 or more gallons of clean water. There's a hose bib at the bottom of the tank to drain the water as needed.

Maintain a minimum of a half tank of gas in vehicles in case of emergency.

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16607 Gilmore, Lake Balboa 3+1 (1085 sq ft)	\$608,000 sold
15420 La Maida 4+4.5 (2952 sq ft)	\$1,160,000 sold
4821 Gaviota 4+4 (2422 sq ft)	\$1,150,000 sold
4924 Gaviota 4+4 (3132 sq ft)	\$1,410,000 sold
4816 Haskell 6+4 (3216 sq ft)	\$2,000,000 sold
5019 Gaviota 5+5.5 (5200 sq ft)	\$2,675,000 sold
4910 Gaviota 5+6.5 (6000 sq ft)	\$3,390,000 sold



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