

Golden State Water Participates in the Great California ShakeOut!



Golden State Water Company (Golden State Water) is proud to join an estimated 10.2 million Californians for the Great California ShakeOut on Oct. 19 at 10:19 a.m.

An annual event since 2008, the Great California ShakeOut gives individuals and organizations a chance to practice drills that can help reduce injury and death during a major earthquake.

The Great California ShakeOut is part of the larger national ShakeOut campaign, which is expected to draw nearly 54 million participants this year.

"The recent earthquake that devastated Mexico should serve as a reminder regarding the importance of preparing for earthquake events that could impact our own communities," said Karla Tejada, Emergency Management & Security Administrator for Golden State Water. "This annual drill is a great way to make sure our Golden State Water staff and customers are ready should an earthquake hit California."

Recommended Earthquake Safety Actions

1. **DROP** to the ground (before the earthquake drops you!).
2. **COVER** your head and neck with your arms and seek shelter by getting under a sturdy desk or table, if nearby.
3. **HOLD ON** to your shelter and be prepared to move with it until the shaking stops.

If there is no table or desk near you, drop to the ground and then, if possible, move to an inside corner of the room. Be in a crawling position to protect your vital organs and be ready to move, if necessary, and cover your head and neck with your hands and arms.

Do not move to another location or outside. Earthquakes occur without any warning and may be so violent that you can't run or crawl. You are more likely to be injured if you try to move around during strong shaking. Also, you will never know if the initial jolt will turn out to be start of the big one—and, that's why you should always drop, cover, and hold on immediately!

To learn more and develop a plan for your family, [click here](#) to view the Shakeout California official website.