



## Golden State Water Recognizes April as California Earthquake Preparedness Month

Golden State Water Company is reminding customers that April is Earthquake Preparedness Month for California.

The public awareness campaign was created to educate Californian's about the risk of earthquakes in the state, as well as the steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of death, injury and property loss.

Why the month of April? On April 18, 1906, San Francisco experienced an estimated 8.3 earthquake, the most-destructive in California's history. The earthquake was followed by several aftershocks and fires and devastated the city.

California remains vulnerable to the effects of a massive earthquake, and we encourage our customers to be prepared.

*To help prepare for an emergency, here are a few steps you can take:*

- Be aware. Monitor conditions closely, especially in areas that are prone to earthquakes.
- Have an evacuation plan and practice it.
- Make or purchase an emergency preparedness kit.
- Keep a list of important contacts such as public safety agencies and utilities. Always call 911 first during an emergency.
- Learn how and where to turn off utilities like water, natural gas and electricity.

To learn more and develop a plan for your family, [click here](#) for Golden State Water's emergency preparedness check list.