

Living on

# SHAKY GROUND

HOW TO SURVIVE EARTHQUAKES AND TSUNAMIS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

## Step 7

### WHEN SAFE, CONTINUE TO FOLLOW YOUR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN

**DON'T HEAD TOWARDS THE COAST IF YOU HAVE HEARD THAT A TSUNAMI WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED.** You will put yourself in danger and make it more difficult for the people who need to evacuate.

#### Tsunamis

- Stay away from the coast until officials permit you to return.

#### Earthquakes

- If your home isn't damaged, you are safest there even if the power is off.
- Do not use open flames—candles, matches or lighters—until you are sure there are no gas leaks.
- Never use a camp stove, charcoal grill or gas generator indoors.

#### Be in communication

- Use your portable, car, or NOAA Weather Radio for information. Scan channels to find one that is on the air.
- Call your out-of-area contact and tell them your status, **THEN STAY OFF THE TELEPHONE.**
- Check on your neighbors.

#### If you cannot stay in your home...

- Use your radio to get information on shelter locations in your community.
- Find out what you are allowed to bring to the shelter—space is limited.



#### The first weeks after the earthquake

- Make sure your home is safe to occupy.
- If the gas was turned off, arrange for the gas company to inspect your lines and turn it back on.
- Have a professional inspect your fireplace or wood stove before use.
- Locate and/or replace any critical documents.
- Inventory and take pictures of any damage and contact your insurance agent to begin the claims process.

