

# Living on **SHAKY GROUND**

HOW TO SURVIVE EARTHQUAKES AND TSUNAMIS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

## Step 7

### **RECONNECT AND RESTORE FOLLOW YOUR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN**

**STAY AWAY FROM THE COAST UNTIL OFFICIALS  
DECLARE IT SAFE TO RETURN.** Disaster sightseeing puts you in danger and hampers efforts of response personnel.

#### **IF YOUR HOME IS NOT DAMAGED. STAY THERE.**

- Sheltering in place is the safest thing to do 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**

- TEXT your out-of-area contact and tell them where you are.  
STAY OFF THE PHONE to keep lines open for emergency communications.
- Use your portable or car radio to stay informed with updates and safety advisories.
- 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 including pets - space is limited.
- Bring your Grab and Go Bag with medications and personal information.

#### **THE FIRST WEEKS AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE**

- Make sure your home is safe to occupy.
- If gas was turned off, arrange for the gas company to 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/videos of any damage.  
Contact your insurance agent to begin the claim process.

