# You Can Prepare for the Next Quake

#### START TODAY! Prepare – Protect – Recover

Earthquakes are inevitable in Northern California but the damage is not. How seriously the next strong earthquake or tsunami affects you and how quickly your community recovers depends on what you know and how well you prepare ahead of time.

#### **QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD ASK YOURSELF**

## Where will my family be and how will I reach them?

 Develop a plan that includes where you will meet and how to contact each other

## Am I prepared to live without the essentials?

 Put together disaster kits for home, work and your car

### Do I live, work or visit in a tsunami hazard zone?

• Learn to recognize the natural warning signs of a tsunami and determine your evacuation routes

#### Where will I get medical help?

 Learn how to help yourself and your family by taking first aid and CPR classes

#### How will I pay for things?

 Keep cash on hand because banks may be closed, ATMs inoperable, and credit cards unusable

# How will I repair the damage to my home?

 Minimize your losses by reducing your hazards and consider adding earthquake and/or flood insurance

