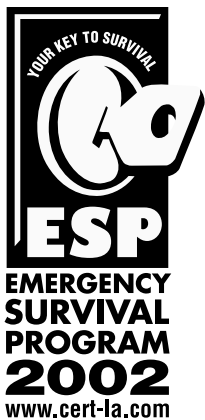
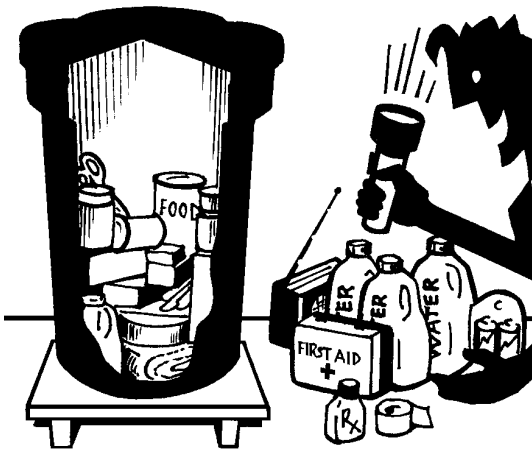


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Update Emergency Supplies



WHY?

It might be very hard to get water, emergency supplies and equipment after a damaging earthquake because they might be in great demand. Having enough supplies for at least 72 hours is the next step in preparing your home, neighborhood, business or school.

The reverse side of this ESP Focus Sheet features a list of supplies you should have. Future focus sheets will examine other aspects of developing a preparedness and response program.

Select a Supplies Team

After the organizing meeting has been held, the Block Captain and the Planning Committee should select members of and a leader for the Supplies Team. The April Focus Sheet provided tips on how to organize an emergency response team. Someone with a background in purchasing or finance could serve in the Supplies Team.

	Supplies Leader	Team Members
Home/ Neighborhood	Family member/ neighbor	Family member/ neighbors
Business	Purchasing Supervisor	Accounting staff/ Purchasing staff
School	Purchasing Supervisor	Accounting staff/ Supplies staff

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Inventory Available Supplies

The Supplies Team makes sure that there's an adequate amount of food, water and other supplies.

Before the next earthquake or other emergency, the Supplies Team should find out which of the supplies listed below are readily available and obtain those that are needed.

Home/Neighborhood	Business	School
Drinking Water	Drinking water	Drinking water
Water for hygiene, cooking, pets	Water for hygiene and cooking	Water for hygiene and cooking
Nonperishable food, pet food	Nonperishable food	Nonperishable food
First aid books and supplies	First aid books and supplies	First aid books and supplies
Flashlights, extra batteries	Flashlights, extra batteries	Flashlights, extra batteries
Search and rescue tools, including an adjustable wrench, crowbar, axe and shovel	Search and rescue tools, including an adjustable wrench, crowbar, axe and shovel	Search and rescue tools, including an adjustable wrench, crowbar, axe and shovel
Emergency generator and fuel	Emergency generator and fuel	Emergency generator and fuel
Battery-powered radios	Battery-powered radios	Battery-powered radios
Blankets	Blankets	Blankets
Bullhorns and hard hats	Bullhorns and hard hats	Bullhorns and hard hats
Fire extinguishers	Fire extinguishers	Fire extinguishers
Thick work gloves	Thick work gloves	Thick work gloves

Store Supplies

The Supplies Team is also responsible for storing supplies in locations that are secure and easy to reach. Possible options include backpacks, duffel bags, cabinets, cargo containers and trunks.

Purchasing or obtaining equipment: Because obtaining important supplies, tools and equipment may be costly, your team may want to consider creative ways of getting them. These include purchases financed by donations or through fundraisers; or donations from neighborhood stores.

Distributing and keeping track of supplies during the disaster: The Supplies Team will be responsible for making sure those who need supplies such as food and water get them and that members of light search and rescue, damage assessment, first aid and other teams are properly equipped. It is also responsible for replacing used supplies, and making sure tools, equipment and unused supplies are returned.

Safety Tips

- Use clean plastic containers to store water, do not use bleach bottles.
- Store water in cool, dark and dry place, separated from other emergency supplies to prevent leaks and spoilage.
- Label the date of purchase on food/water items that are not marked with an expiration date.



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