Be prepared for the unexpected. Take steps now to protect your family and your home before the next earthquake, wildfire, or other disaster strikes.

**Make a Family Disaster Plan**
Discuss how to prepare for and respond to a disaster. Plan to share responsibilities and work together as a team.
- Consider special needs for elderly or disabled family members, children, and pets.
- Choose meeting places outside your home and outside your neighborhood. Discuss what to do in an evacuation, and plan multiple routes in case of road closures.
- Choose an out-of-state contact person who can relay information to and from everyone in your household.
- Register for AlertOC, Orange County’s emergency notification system, to receive information during and after an emergency.
- Enroll in CPR and first aid classes so you can take care of yourself and your family while you wait for first responders to arrive.

**Create Emergency Supply Kits**
Your emergency supply kits should have enough supplies to last you and your family for at least three days.
- Make sure your family kit is portable in case you need to evacuate.
- Consider individual and family needs.
- Include supplies for your pets.
- Create smaller, portable kits for your car and workplace.

**Prepare Your Home**
Identify and find solutions for any hazards in your home.
- Bolt or brace water heaters, major appliances, bookcases, and other top-heavy furniture to wall studs.
- Anchor or brace overhead fixtures such as lights and ceiling fans.
- Use flexible connections where gas lines meet appliances.
- Secure televisions, computers, and other electronics.
- Secure or relocate heavy pictures or mirrors over beds and furniture.
- Know where and how to shut off gas, water, and electricity.