

## Notice to Each Occupant of Mutual 12

Information about predicting earthquakes is in some disarray. The 2013 version of the Uniform California Earthquake Rupture Forecast, the most comprehensive analysis of earthquake probabilities of which the Directors of Mutual 12 are aware, appears to have been withdrawn recently by the U.S. Geological Survey. The subject is technical and difficult to understand. For decision-making purposes, the Directors of Mutual 12, none of whom is a seismologist, assume that it is sufficiently likely that one or more very large earthquakes will strike Southern California at any time soon with consequences so severe that it is foolhardy for any adult to be unprepared for it or them.

Mutual 12 Shareholders have been told, again and again, that in case of a disaster such as an earthquake, Mutual 12, the California corporation they own has not assumed responsibility, and it does not intend to assume responsibility for the well-being or the safety of any person on its premises.

The Mutual 12 Directors have observed and have been told that some Shareholders, but far from all of them, are already implementing the suggestions reproduced on the next page of this document. The Directors of Mutual 12 hereby ask all Shareholders to remind their friends and neighbors (at least the neighbor on each side of them) that they and not Mutual 12 are responsible for their own safety and welfare (having enough water, etc.) in case of a disaster. The Directors of Mutual 12 respectfully urge 100% compliance with the suggestions for self-help listed on the next page, before they shall be needed, rather than desperately after a major earthquake.

It seems quite likely that in the event of a disaster that people who did not prepare will ask those who did to share their provisions. Consequently, it is in each Shareholder's own best interest to warn friends and neighbors now that Mutual 12 will not rescue them. It would be a good idea to persuade them to purchase provisions for use after a major earthquake or other disaster **now** when stores are open and eager to sell their wares.

Approved April 10, 2014 by Mutual 12

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## **To prepare now for a foreseeable, serious earthquake, store a ten-day supply of:**

- Water (1 gallon per person or pet per day)
- Non-perishable food (canned, no-cook, packaged) and a manual can opener
- First-aid kit (including first-aid manual)
- Medications (prescription and non-prescription) and eyeglasses
- Small battery-operated LED flashlights, a radio, extra alkaline batteries. (We will probably have no electricity.)
- Personal hygiene items, toilet paper, paper towels, hand sanitizer, and large trash bags for trash

## **Also, think about and have on hand:**

- Copies of important documents
- Items for pets, if any (food, water, medications, cages/leashes)
- Tools (including duct tape, neon-colored tape or rope to block off dangerous areas)
- Cash in small denominations (\$1, \$5, \$10 as ATMS and credit cards do not work if the power is out)
- Fire extinguisher (A-B-C type)
- Protective gear: goggles, gloves, plastic drop cloths, raincoats, overcoats, etc.
- Whistle
- Change of clothing and sturdy shoes. (Prepare to walk on broken glass. It will be nearly everywhere.)
- Names, addresses, and phone numbers of doctors and pharmacists.
- Keep as much as you can of the kit in a sturdy and easy-to-carry container.
- Have a smaller-sized kit for your car.
- Provide for storage of your household's human waste by buying a camping toilet with special waste bags from a sporting goods store. (Toilets without incoming water will not flush.)

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