



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Earthquakes, fires and storms can cause unexpected challenges. Be prepared with these tips:

Practice Makes Prepared

- Conduct "Drop/Lock, Cover, and Hold On" for earthquake drills
- Create an emergency plan
- Know your evacuation route
- Sign up for emergency alerts
- Make an emergency supply kit

What to include in emergency supply kit

- Basic first aid kit
- 7-10 gallons of water per person
- 7-10 days' worth of food and medications
- Extra food, water and supplies for pets
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Sanitation and hygiene supplies



For Additional Guidance, Scan the QR Code or Visit:

- [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)
- [Ready.LACounty.gov](https://www.ready.lacounty.gov)



PROJECT UPDATES

Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts work to continually improve the infrastructure of pipes, wells and tanks to ensure you have access to reliable, high-quality water now and in the future.

Owen Tank Project (Topanga)

- Replaced an aging tank with a new 500,000 gallon steel tank with an earthquake-resistant foundation. Also provides capacity for fire protection and emergency storage for the community
- Construction began in May 2023 and completed August 2024

Well Location Study (Antelope Valley)

- Install new wells and accompanying system improvements to increase water supply resiliency
- Initial study scheduled to be completed by early 2025



HOW LACWD PREPARES FOR WATER EMERGENCIES

A water emergency refers to situations that pose an immediate threat to public health, safety, or the integrity of the water supply system. This could include water main breaks, floods, earthquakes, wildfires, etc.

How does Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts prepare?

- Our team conducts regular system maintenance and participates in ongoing training, including emergency preparedness drills. Our infrastructure includes essential components such as:
 - Pump Stations
 - Water tanks
 - Backup Generators
 - Communication Systems



How does Los Angeles County communicate during an emergency?

- Robocall and text alerts
- E-mail blasts
- LACWD website



WHAT TO DO DURING AN EMERGENCY

What to do when an emergency has taken place?

- Locate your emergency supply kit
- Report leaks
 - Call 626-458-HELP (4357)
 - "The Works" app

STAY CONNECTED

- Sign up or logon to MyWAM and add your email address to receive emergency notifications, e-newsletters and more at [DPW.lacounty.gov/MyWAM](https://dpw.lacounty.gov/MyWAM)
- Public Works "The Works" mobile app
- Follow LACWD on social media:



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