



Press Release

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City of Artesia Encourages Residents to Enroll in State's Earthquake Early Warning System

Natural disasters, like earthquakes, happen unexpectedly and can create major disruptions that last long after the event is over. Emergency situations may force individuals and families to quickly find shelter or evacuate from their homes, workplaces, or other settings. By being prepared and planning ahead, Artesia residents can quickly take life-saving actions to keep them safe in an earthquake. It's important for all households and businesses in the City of Artesia to prepare a disaster plan; identify safe spots to take cover in places where they live, work, and play; familiarize themselves with emergency escape routes; develop a communication plan; and have an emergency supply kit readily available.

To ensure all Californians are earthquake prepared, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) developed Earthquake Warning California, which is the nation's first statewide earthquake warning system that provides several seconds of warning to mobile device users in the area before shaking occurs. Earthquake Warning California offers no-cost earthquake warning resources, including:

- **MyShake App.** A mobile app that can be downloaded for mobile devices at no cost from Google Play the Apple App Store. App location services must be set to "always on" so that ground sensors can alert those in the nearby area when shaking is detected.
- **Android Earthquake Alerts.** An earthquake warning system available to any new or updated Android devices that uses that same technology as the MyShake App.
- **Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs).** Text-like messages from the government during emergency situations. This includes: Presidential, Imminent Threat (fire, earthquake, floods, etc.), and AMBER alerts.

Earthquake Warning California resources are designed to notify users to quickly take protective action such as to drop, cover, and hold on. These earthquake warning tools can help protect lives and prevent damage to properties in the areas hardest hit during an earthquake. During serious shaking situations, individuals may be knocked down to the ground, so sheltering prior to shaking is the prudent thing to do.

A community that prepares together can diminish the catastrophic impact of a major earthquake. To learn more about Earthquake Warning California, the no-cost warning alert tools, and additional resources available to the public, visit earthquake.ca.gov.

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Located in southeast Los Angeles County, Artesia is a diverse, vibrant city with nearly 18,000 residents and a dynamic business community. The City of Artesia, a leader in sustainability practices and winner of four Beacon Spotlight awards in 2018, 2019, and 2020, is focused on serving the community with sound governance, 21st century infrastructure, and a commitment to public safety. To request services or share a question, visit our [Service Request page](#). To stay updated on our projects and events, visit us at CityofArtesia.us, like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @OfficialCityofArtesia, and subscribe to our YouTube channel @CityofArtesia.