

# The ACWD Connection

## PLANNED WATER SHUTOFF: HOW TO GET READY

ACWD is making improvements to strengthen and modernize our water system so we can continue providing reliable service, even during earthquakes. At times, this work may require temporary water shutoffs, but we'll always let customers know ahead of time. Taking these steps now helps prevent unexpected breaks, reduce the chance of longer outages, and protect our community's water supply.



### Store Water Ahead of Time

- Fill pitchers, bottles or jugs for drinking and cooking.
- Store drinking water in sealed containers.
- Fill bathtub(s) or large buckets to use for manual toilet flushing.
- If you rely on medical or health devices that require water, ensure you have an adequate supply available.



### Prepare for Restroom Use

- Pre-flush toilets.
- Keep a bucket or container handy for manual flushing.
  - Quickly pour 1.2 gallons of water directly into the toilet bowl from a height of 1-2 feet.
  - The force of the water should create a siphon and flush the toilet.

For additional tips to prepare for a water shutoff, visit [acwd.org/emergency-preparedness](https://acwd.org/emergency-preparedness).