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2023 Great ShakeOut! Earthquake Drill

Join millions of people worldwide by participating in the 2023 International Great ShakeOut! earthquake drill on October 19th, at 10:19 a.m. (PDT). This exercise is an excellent way for families and organizations to become better prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes.

Federal, state, and local emergency management experts and other official preparedness organizations all agree that "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" is the appropriate action to reduce injury and death during earthquakes (learn why [here](#)). The ShakeOut! earthquake drill is an opportunity to practice how to stay safe during one of these hazard events. With only seconds to react during an earthquake before strong shaking begins (followed by falling debris), performing this practice can help individuals protect themselves.

It's recommended that families, schools, and communities review and update their plans and supplies in preparation for emergency events. Additionally, households and businesses should discuss a plan to secure their space and belongings to prevent damage and injuries from earthquakes.

For more information, or to register for this event, visit the [2023 Great ShakeOut! webpage](#).

FEMA & FCC Plan Nationwide Emergency Alert Test for October 4th

FEMA, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) today (Wednesday, October 4, 2023). The national test will consist of two portions, testing WEA and EAS capabilities. Both tests are scheduled to begin at approximately 2:20 p.m. (ET).

The WEA portion of the test will be directed to consumer cell phones. The test message will display in either English or in Spanish, depending on the language settings of the wireless device. The EAS portion of the test will be sent to radios and televisions. FEMA and the FCC are coordinating with EAS participants, wireless providers, emergency managers and other stakeholders in preparation for this national test to minimize confusion and maximize the public safety value of the test.

The purpose of the test is to ensure that the systems continue to be effective means of warning the public about emergencies, particularly those on the national level. If this test is postponed, due to widespread severe weather or other significant events, the back-up testing date will be October 11, 2023.

The WEA portion of the test will be initiated using [FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System \(IPAWS\)](#), a centralized internet-based system administered by FEMA that enables authorities to send authenticated emergency messages to the public through multiple communications networks. The WEA test will be administered via a code sent to cell phones. All wireless phones should receive the message only once.

To learn what can be expected from the nationwide WEA and EAS testing, please visit [FEMA's IPAWS webpage](#).

WEA alerts are created and sent by authorized federal, state, local, tribal and territorial government agencies through IPAWS to participating wireless providers, which deliver the alerts to compatible handsets in geo-targeted areas. To help ensure that these alerts are accessible to the entire public, including people with disabilities, the alerts are accompanied by a unique tone and vibration.

For more information about different warning alerts, please visit [FEMA's preparedness website](#).

Postponed: 2023 Hazard Mitigation Partners Workshop

FEMA has announced a decision to postpone the 2023 Hazard Mitigation Partners Workshop until early calendar year, 2024.

This virtual workshop will bring together over 800 federal, state, Tribal, and local community stakeholders, as well as private sector entities, nonprofit organizations, emergency management agencies, and floodplain management and hazard mitigation professionals. FEMA remains committed to communicating with all state, local, and Tribal partners on new grant opportunities through broad stakeholder engagement in the months ahead.

The new workshop dates will be promoted through various communication channels, including the HMA Mitigation Minute newsletter ([subscribe here](#)). Once the 2024 dates have been finalized, registration for this event will reopen – you may now [unregister](#) previous workshop registrations.

If you have any questions about Hazard Mitigation Partners Workshop, please email them to: FEMA-2023hmpworkshop@fema.dhs.gov.

Ask the Help Desk:

The Region 10 Service Center is here to help local community officials and stakeholders with technical, training, mitigation, and mapping questions. **Email:** RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com.

Online Training Calendar

(All times Pacific)

Course	Date/Time	Continuing Education Credits (CECs)
STARR II: FEMA Elevation Certificates	October 11, 10 am	2
STARR II: Reviewing FEMA Elevation Certificates	October 12, 10 am	2
CRS: FEMA Elevation Certificates	October 17, 10 am	1.5
CRS: Flood Warning & Response (Activity 610)	October 18, 10 am	1
CRS: FEMA Elevation Certificates	October 24, 10 am	1.5
CRS: FEMA Elevation Certificates	October 25, 10 am	1.5
CRS: FEMA Elevation Certificates	November 14, 10 am	1.5
CRS: CRS & Coastal Hazards	November 15, 10 am	1



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