

# WHEN IT ROCKS.. ARE YOU READY TO ROLL?

## Participate in the 2009 City of Beverly Hills "I'm Prepared!" Employee Pledge Drive

In the spirit of fun and emergency preparedness, the City of Beverly Hills proudly announces its fifth annual "When It Rocks, Are you Ready to Roll?" employee pledge drive. One of the most important ways you can protect your family and yourself in addition to having a family emergency kit, is to make sure that you are financially prepared for a disaster. Your first priority should be to protect your family and property, but it is also important to protect against the financial consequences of a disaster. A disaster, such as an earthquake, can damage or destroy your property, force you to temporarily live somewhere else, cut the flow of wages and other income, or ruin valuable financial records. What you do today, will determine what your life will be like after a disaster.

### It's easy to participate!



- ❖ Using the handy checklist on the back of this flyer, learn what steps you and your family can take to become financially prepared for disasters.
- ❖ Promise to start taking steps to become financially prepared for disasters by completing the "I'm Prepared!" Pledge Card below and turn it in to your department emergency management representative.

Every City employee is encouraged to be prepared in the event of an emergency or disaster. Every employee that returns a pledge card will receive one small wind-up flashlight! This is one pledge drive that can help you and your loved ones become prepared!



\*\*\*DETACH PLEDGE CARD HERE\*\*\*



## WHEN IT ROCKS...AM I READY TO ROLL?

**Yes!**

I have/or will take steps to become financially prepared for disasters.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name (printed legibly): \_\_\_\_\_

Department/Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit by May 1, 2009 to your department emergency management representative.**

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## Basic Emergency Financial Preparedness

- Protect your property.** Install smoke detectors, clear surrounding brush to protect your home from wildfires, secure objects that can fall and cause damage.
- Conduct a household inventory.** Having an inventory of all your possessions can help you prove ownership and value of your possessions if they are damaged or destroyed. Take pictures and save them in a safe place other than your home.
- Have cash on hand.** ATM's may not work. Have large and small bills on hand. Try to set aside money in an emergency fund.
- Store documents in a safe place.** You can use an evacuation box, safe, or safe deposit box to help protect important documents. Some disasters can completely destroy your home. Try to store documents in a safe deposit box or at another location well away from your home.
- Buy Insurance.** Be clear about what your policy covers and that the policy reflects the true replacement costs. Even if you rent, you can buy renters insurance to pay for damaged, destroyed, or stolen personal property.
- Create a 15-minute plan.** If you had 15 minutes or less to evacuate your home, what would you take with you? Decide on what items you would put on a very short priority list, replacement items, small valuables, such as jewelry, important papers.

Whew! We know this is a lot of work. You may not be able to do everything on this basic list—that's OK. Do what you can. For detailed information, contact the Office of Emergency Management to obtain the brochure *Before Disaster Strikes, How to make sure you're financially prepared to deal with a natural disaster.*

### And while you're at it...

- Take a moment to review your family plan on how your household would stay in contact if you were separated. Identify two meeting places: the first should be near your home—in case of fire, perhaps a tree or telephone pole; the second should be away from your neighborhood in case you cannot return home.
- Pick a friend or relative who lives out of the area for household members to call to say that they are okay.

