

Dispose of Household Chemicals Safely

Containers of household chemicals may have been knocked over or spilled as a result of the earthquake. Be alert for leaking containers and reactive household chemicals, such as caustic drain cleaners and chlorine bleach, and take the following necessary precautions to prevent injury or further damage:

- Keep children and pets away from leaking or spilled chemicals.
- Do not combine chemicals from leaking or damaged containers, because doing so might produce dangerous reactions.
- Do not dump chemicals down drains, storm sewers, or toilets.
- Do not try to burn household chemicals.
- Clearly mark and set aside unbroken containers until they can be properly disposed.
- Leave damaged or unlabeled chemical containers undisturbed whenever possible.

If chemicals have spilled and combined, do not attempt to clean them up yourself. Contact local authorities and inform them of the situation.

For more information about staying safe during an earthquake, visit www.GetPrepared.in.gov.

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