

WATER IS ESSENTIAL

The City of Covina Water Utility (or your water provider) may not always be able to provide water to you in an emergency. Having an ample supply of clean water is a top priority in an *emergency*.

Do you have enough water available? The Red Cross recommends you store at least one gallon per person, per day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home). If you are unable to store this quantity, store as much as you can.

HIDDEN WATER SOURCES IN YOUR HOME

Safe water sources in your home include the water in your hot- water tank, pipes, and ice cubes. You should not use water from toilet flush tanks or bowls, radiators, waterbeds, or swimming pools/spas.

You will need to protect the water sources already in your home from contamination if you hear reports of broken water or sewage lines, or if local officials advise you of a problem. To shut off incoming water, locate the main valve and turn it to the closed position. Be sure you and other family members know beforehand how to perform this important procedure.

To use the water in your pipes, let air into the plumbing by turning on the faucet in your home at the highest level. A small amount of water will trickle out. Then obtain water from the lowest faucet in the home.

To use the water in your hot-water tank, be sure the electricity or gas is off, and open the drain at the bottom of the tank. Start the water flowing by turning off the water intake valve at the tank and turning on a hot-water faucet. Refill the tank before turning the gas or electricity back on. If the gas is turned off, a professional will be needed to turn it back on.

For additional information about water storage, treatment or other emergency essentials visit www.redcross.org.

For information on conservation visit www.bewaterwise.com.

The City of Covina Water Utility thanks you for your consideration. Visit us at www.covinaca.gov/city-departments/public-works/water.

