

## Earthquake Preparedness

### An Additional Water Supply

In the event of an earthquake or other natural disasters, all residents should be prepared and have an [emergency plan](#), an [emergency survival kit](#) and a [getaway kit](#) in the event that you might have to leave your home.

An additional source of stored fresh water can be found in your hot water cylinder, the question for many is how to get to it?

#### COLLECTING WATER FROM YOUR CYLINDER AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE

##### Do Know

- where to isolate water into your apartment; (usually a stopcock can be found near your hot water cylinder)
- where the mains power switches are to isolate power to the hot water cylinder is.
- what your hot water configuration is before an emergency occurs

##### Method

1. Turn off your electricity before touching any pipes. It also lessens the risk of a fire from the element burning out if you empty the cylinder.
2. Turn off your water into your apartment. This will stop any contaminated water from broken pipes on the street getting into your plumbing. If you haven't done so already- locate this valve now; it's usually.

#### Getting water out of your MAINS PRESSURE hot water cylinder

1. Isolate incoming water to the cylinder at isolation valve
2. Open temperature/pressure relief valve lever on top of cylinder
3. Open drain valve at base of cylinder into suitable container

#### Getting water out of your LOW PRESSURE hot water cylinder

1. Open the drain valve at the base of your cylinder