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## **City of Beverly Hills Plans Annual Great Shakeout Drill**

*The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Drill to Take Place Nationally October 21*

**Beverly Hills, CA** – Following the City of Beverly Hills’ annual recognition of “National Preparedness Month” in September, the City will join the State of California and the County and City of Los Angeles to participate in the annual “Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill” on October 21, 2021 at 10:21 a.m.

During this annual earthquake drill, participants are asked to stop what they are doing and react as if an earthquake has occurred by dropping to the ground, taking cover under something sturdy, and holding on.

Customers visiting City buildings during the drill will be directed to take the same action. The drill will last approximately two minutes and customer service to the public will be temporarily disrupted. In addition to the safety drill, staff will participate in a variety of earthquake preparedness activities, including practicing the activation of the EERT (Employee Emergency Response Team), rehearsing initial reporting and compiling of information on City facility damage, city injuries, and department status, and exercising operating the City’s Emergency Operations Center and Department Operations Center.

“In light of the recent earthquakes that have occurred globally, the City is committed to ensuring both the public and its staff are prepared if a disaster occurs,” said Meena Janmohamed, City of Beverly Hills Emergency Management Manager. “We encourage all residents and businesses to participate in this year’s drill so that they can take the correct action when the time comes to do so.”

The “Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill” will occur throughout the nation and several countries worldwide. Participants include individuals, schools, businesses, local and state government agencies and other groups. To take part in the “Great ShakeOut,” individuals and organizations are asked to join the drill by registering at [ShakeOut.org](https://ShakeOut.org). For more information on earthquake preparedness, visit [beverlyhills.org/preparedness](https://beverlyhills.org/preparedness) or dial 310-285-1014.

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