



OFFICE OF MAYOR CHARLIE HALES
CITY OF PORTLAND

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Dear Portlander:

On Thursday, October 17th, Portland will join cities throughout the state by participating in the 2013 Great Oregon ShakeOut. This annual event is an opportunity to practice how to stay safe during an earthquake by practicing: "Drop, Cover and Hold On!" and remembering these key actions:

- If you are in a building, move no more than a few steps.
- **Drop** to the ground, take **cover** under a sturdy table or desk and **hold on** until the shaking stops.

Knowing what to do during an earthquake will save lives and better prepare our community to recover after the shaking stops. I strongly encourage all Portland residents and businesses to participate.

For more information, visit the official Oregon ShakeOut website – www.shakeout.org/oregon – or the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management – www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem.

Sincerely,


Charlie Hales
Mayor