



Install flexible hoses on appliances

Why

▶ Rigid gas and water lines can be torn from their connection points during an earthquake. Damaged gas and water lines can injure you and others and damage your property. A broken gas line can lead to a gas leak, start a fire, or cause an explosion.

How

▶ Replace rigid gas and water supply lines on appliances like stoves, water heaters, and washing machines with flexible, earthquake-resistant hoses.

▶ Flexible hoses help prevent leaks by allowing appliances to move slightly during an earthquake. However, they aren't designed to stop an appliance that shifts significantly or falls. Anchor appliances to the wall or floor to prevent tipping and damage.

How to Identify

▶ Check behind appliances for metal or plastic pipes that appear rigid or brittle. A licensed plumber or contractor can confirm if upgrades are needed and install the proper flexible connections. Consult a licensed contractor for changes to gas lines and plumbing.