

Gas Water Heater Bracing

Materials Needed	Comments
Metal strapping (plumber's) tape	Encircle the gas water heater with metal tape.
Nut and bolt	Secure the metal strapping into a tight circle.
1/2" metal electrical conduit tube	Cut two pieces, each about two feet long. Flatten the ends with a hammer; drill holes on flattened ends.
5/16" x 3" lag bolts with washers	Connect ends of conduit to studs in wall.
Nuts and bolts	Attach the other ends of the conduit to metal strapping.

Strengthen Your Shelves

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L-shaped brackets and screws	One edge screws into the shelf, the other to a stud in the wall
Velcro strips (with sticky backs)	Place Velcro under large or breakable items to keep it from falling during earthquake shear
Wood strips for kitchen shelves	Cut thin strips of wood (1" x 1") to the width of open shelves and permanently attach
Child-proof latches for cabinets	Latches will keep the doors from springing open during an earthquake