



In an emergency...

- Monitor radio and TV news closely for information about weather conditions, flooding in your area and safety precautions being advised.
- Be prepared to leave immediately if an evacuation is ordered. Have alternate evacuation routes out of your neighborhood.
- Stay away from flood channels and flowing rivers. You could be knocked off your feet in as little as six inches of water.
- Don't try to cross flooded areas and never enter moving water. Turn around—don't drown.
- Floodwaters pick up sewage and chemicals from roads, farms and factories. If your home has been flooded, protect your family's health by cleaning up right away. Throw out foods and medicines that may have been affected.
- Stay away from steep slopes that may become unstable when saturated.
- Never touch a downed power line, which can cause serious injury or death. Call 9-1-1 to report it.
- Look for tilted trees, telephone poles, fences or walls, and for new holes or bare spots on hillsides.
- If trapped in your vehicle, stay with it. If possible, relocate to the hood if water continues to rise.
- Be alert when driving. Roads may become blocked or closed due to hazards.
- Report small problems as soon as they occur so they don't turn into bigger problems.



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Get A Kit

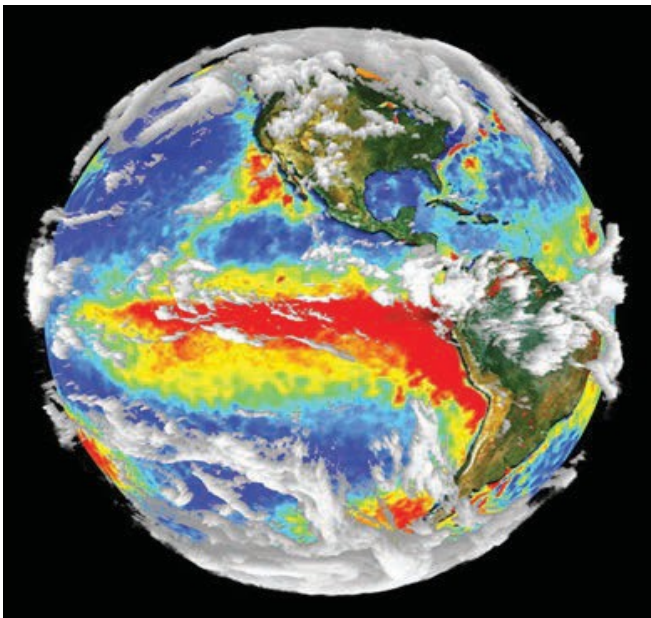


Make A Plan

Stay Informed

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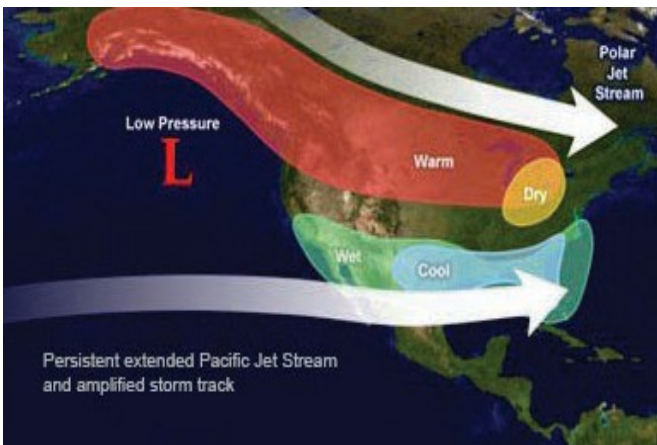




About El Niño

When strong El Niño conditions exist, there is a higher probability of increased rainfall along the coast of California. The increased rainfall can result in heavier than normal runoff, causing regional and large-scale flooding.

However, it is difficult to predict how strong this winter's El Niño could become, and the effects storms may have on the West Coast. So it is important to be aware of the possible impacts from an El Niño winter and plan accordingly.

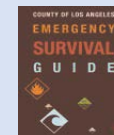


How you can prepare



Register to have emergency messages and important community updates where you need them and when you need them on as many devices as you would like to receive.

Download the LA County [Emergency Survival Guide](#) and use it to keep the entire family – including pets – safe.



Weatherproof your home: fix any roof leaks, check window seals, ensure rain gutters are cleaned out, clean out downspouts, and clear debris from roof / exterior drains.

Create an emergency kit including the following items:



- Food and water to last three days to a week. Don't forget the pets.
- Radio (and extra batteries)
- Clothing and sturdy shoes
- First aid kit
- Medications (over-the-counter and prescription)
- Tools (wrench, duct tape, fire extinguisher, sturdy gloves, whistle)
- Flashlights (and extra batteries)
- Cash and important documents
- Sanitation and hygiene supplies

Know how to get help



Tree safety

If you see a downed tree in the parkway/median or street, please call 9-1-1. Concerned about a tree on your property? Call a certified arborist.



Sandbags

Monday-Thursday and every other Friday, residents can go to 2500 Michigan, Building #8 to pick up pre-filled sandbags. All other times, go to any fire station in the City for sandbags. Sand is located at Memorial Park, 1401 Olympic in the parking lot next to the tennis courts.



Weather/Beach conditions

Check with the National Weather Service for storm advisories. www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox And for the latest information on beach conditions at: www.publichealth.lacounty.gov

Avoid beaches, low lying areas, and storm drains that can be impacted by storm surges and heavy rains. Take action by moving indoors when lightning is present or predicted.

Flooding

If you see street flooding or a clogged catch basin, please call the Water Resources Division at 310-458-8532 (7:00am-4:30pm – normal business hours) and 310-434-2672 (after hours).

Non-emergency service request

To make a non-emergency service request visit the City's Government Outreach system at: http://www.smgov.net/sm_go.aspx