BEFORE, DURING & AFTER A STORM — GET READY, LA COUNTY

Ready LA County

Los Angeles County is preparing for a possible wet winter due to El Niño, which raises the chance of heavier rain and storms. While a wet winter isn't guaranteed, it's always smart to be ready.

Good news: getting ready for storm season is easier than you think. A little preparation goes a long way, and you don't need to do it all at once. Start with the simple steps below, check off what you can and you'll be prepared.

Start Here: Simple Steps for Everyone

These quick, low-effort steps cover the basics for most households:

- **Stay in the loop**. Sign up for emergency alerts at alert.lacounty.gov.
- **Tidy up outside.** Clean out gutters, downspouts, storm drains and repair roof leaks.
- **Secure loose items.** Secure trash and recycling bins and other items that could blow or float away.
- **Grab (and fill) sandbags.** Pick up sandbags at dpw.lacounty.gov/dsg/sandbags.
- **Ready your car.** Check that your tires, brakes and wipers are in good shape.
- **Keep supplies on hand.** A basic kit with food, water and medications for the household, including pets, goes a long way.
- **Make a quick family plan.** Agree on how you'll stay in touch and where you'll meet if you ever need to.

Do you live near a recent burn scar or other high risk area? LA County's team of engineers are ready to help. Call (800) 933-0930 to speak to a Public Works engineer. They can visit your home and help you assess what steps can be taken to ensure your home is ready this storm season.

When There's an Active Storm

If a rainy day turns into a bigger storm, keep these tips in mind:

- **Trust your county partners.** Follow all instructions from emergency responders and alert notifications.
- **Drive with care.** Slow down and drive cautiously since roads get wet and slippery.
- **Turn around, don't drown.** Don't drive or walk into flooded areas.
- **Steer clear of power lines.** Stay away from downed power lines and call 911 to report them.

After the Storm

Once the storm passes, here are steps you can take to stay safe and settle back in:

- **Check for updates.** Check the County's Emergency Response Page for updates at lacounty.gov/emergency.
- **Look out for neighbors.** Check on older adults and people with disabilities.
- **Report hazards.** Report unsafe or fallen trees to LA County Public Works at pw.lacounty.gov/explore-public-works/report-a-problem/.

Helpful Links

- **Alerts:** Register at alert.lacounty.gov for emergency notifications and download The Works, LA County's free app, to report storm-related problems.
- **Hub:** Visit ready.lacounty.gov for alerts, preparedness guidance and real-time updates.
- **Multilingual:** Storm season safety brochures are available in English, Spanish and Chinese, and 211 LA County is available 24/7 for preparedness information and referrals.
    - Download in English at bit.ly/safetybrochuresENG.
    - Download in Spanish at bit.ly/safetybrochureSP.
    - Download in Chinese at bit.ly/safetybrochureSCH.
- **Homeowners Guide:** Review Review the Homeowner's Guide for Flood, Debris and Erosion Control.
    - Download in English at bit.ly/stormseasonhomeownersguide.
    - Download in Spanish at bit.ly/homeownerseps.
    - Download in Chinese at bit.ly/homeownerscn.
- **Road Closures:** Check for updates at Public Works Road Closures at dpw.lacounty.gov/roadclosures.
- **Mud and Debris Flow Forecast:** Monitor the LA County Public Works Mud and Debris Flow Forecast at https://bit.ly/debrisandmudforecast.
- **Shelters:** Find shelter using the County's Winter Shelter Program at lahsa.org/winter-shelter or call 211 for assistance.



For all available resources, visit ready.lacounty.gov/rain.