## 10 Ways to Prepare

1. **Create an emergency kit, today!** If you've already got an emergency kit prepared, review it regularly.
2. **Check your car.** Make sure your car's tires have good tread and that your windshield wipers work well. Your headlights should always be on in the rain!
3. **Check your house.** Clear your outdoor drains and gutters of any leaves, dirt or debris. Secure trash, recycling bins and any other items that have the potential of blowing or floating away. Have weakened trees inspected by an arborist.
4. **Got flood insurance?** Consider purchasing flood insurance. Keep in mind, most flood policies have a 30-day waiting period.
5. **Use sandbags.** Sandbags can be utilized to help protect your home and property before a storm.
6. **Don't risk your life.** During significant storm events, avoid waterways, flood control channels and the ocean, which can all rapidly swell and become extremely dangerous. NO PLACE outside is safe when lightning is in the area!
7. **Have Emergency Alerts sent to your mobile phone and email.** Register at lacounty.gov/emergency, or simply search "Alert LA County" on the web.
8. **Download "The Works,"** LA County's FREE app for iPhone and Android, to report storm-related problems.
9. **Prevent stormwater pollution.** Rain washes everything into storm drains that lead to our rivers and ocean. Secure household hazardous waste with tight-fitting lids and store these items in covered areas.
10. **Capture rainwater.** Prepare your landscaped areas to capture and retain more water by using compost. Collect rain that falls on your roof by installing rain barrels.

Be Safe. Be Prepared.

**LA Rain**

Online Resources Guide

lacounty.gov/LARain

**211 LA County**

www.211la.org

Find County programs and services.

## Other Resources

**LA County Fire Department**
fire.lacounty.gov

**LA County Public Health**
ph.lacounty.gov

**LA County Sheriff**
sheriff.lacounty.gov

**Flood, Debris and Erosion Control**
dpw.lacounty.gov/wmd/homeowners/

**Beaches and Harbors**
beaches.lacounty.gov

**Public Works Dispatch Center**
Please call (800) 675-HELP (4357) to report urgent issues in unincorporated areas.

**Southern California Edison**
www.sce.com

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# Storm Season

## Now is the Time to Prepare

## Los Angeles County

# Act now!

Alert LA County

Register on **ALERT LA County** to have emergency notifications sent to your mobile phone and email.
**lacounty.gov/emergency/alert-la**
ALERT LA County is set up for TTY/TDD communications.

Download the County's **free app for iPhone and Android "The Works"** to report storm-related problems and to receive news and information. **dpw.lacounty.gov/theworks**

## Create an emergency kit including the following items:

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

Download the **County's Emergency Survival Guide** and use it to keep the entire family—including pets—safe.
**dpw.lacounty.gov/go/esg**

## The danger of mudslide

Winter storms bring danger of mud and debris flows in steep hillside areas, especially on slopes scarred by recent wildfire burn areas. Being prepared is your best defense. Know your property's risk factors. Clear drainage paths. Use sandbags to direct runoff and protect structures.

Wildfire burn areas carry special dangers. Fire not only destroys vegetation that holds soil in place; intense heat can also affect the soil itself and prevent water absorption. Rain, mud, branches and other debris can roar down hillsides in a storm endangering lives and property. Don't be caught unprepared.

## Know how to get information and help.

### Road closures

Bookmark Public Works' road closures website for quick reference.

**dpw.lacounty.gov/roadclosures**

### Sandbags

Obtain sandbags from designated locations and channelize runoff to the streets.
**dpw.lacounty.gov/dsg/sandbags**

### Weather conditions

Check with the National Weather Service for storm advisories. **www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox**

### Tree safety

If you see a drought-stressed parkway/median tree in unincorporated county areas, please call **(800) 675-HELP (4357)**.

### Flood Insurance

Visit the National Flood Insurance Program and other flood-related resources.
**www.floodsmart.gov**

### Public Works Dispatch

Call **(800) 675-HELP (4357)** to report problems and hazards in unincorporated areas of LA County.

### Beach and Harbor Conditions

Heavy rainfall can lead to higher bacteria levels in the ocean. Get the latest information by calling **(800) 525-5662** or visit the Public Health website: **ph.lacounty.gov**
Visit **beaches.lacounty.gov** for other beach and harbor information.