



EL NIÑO:

PREPARE YOUR HOME

California Homeowner Checklist

Prepare now for heavy rain, flooding, strong winds and power outages. Local storm impacts will vary.

1 CLEAR & PROTECT



- ☐ Clean gutters, downspouts and yard drains.
- ☐ Check where runoff collects around your home.
- ☐ Obtain sandbags early where needed; follow local placement guidance.

2 REPAIR & SECURE



- ☐ Repair roof leaks and damaged window seals.
- ☐ Secure patio furniture, umbrellas and loose outdoor items.
- ☐ Move valuables away from areas likely to flood.

3 STOCK & DOCUMENT



- ☐ Store food, water and needed medications for up to 10 days. Keep flashlights, batteries and phone power banks ready.
- ☐ Protect important records in waterproof storage; save digital copies.
- ☐ Review flood insurance. Standard homeowners policies generally exclude flooding; coverage typically takes 30 days to begin.

4 PLAN & STAY INFORMED



- ☐ Register for local emergency alerts.
- ☐ Plan evacuation routes and a safe destination.
- ☐ Include children, older adults, medical needs and pets.
- ☐ Know your flood, hillside and nearby burn-scar risks.

BEFORE EACH STORM

Charge devices • Refill supplies • Secure the property • Check weather alerts

Never enter floodwater. Follow evacuation instructions promptly.

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PREPARE YOUR FAMILY

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Plan now for storm-related closures, power outages and delays getting home.

1 ARRANGE CARE & PICKUP



- ☐ Choose a trusted nearby person who can help if you cannot return home.
- ☐ Update school, childcare or adult-care records with approved pickup contacts.
- ☐ Know how care providers will announce closures and where dependents may be relocated.

2 PACK INDIVIDUAL GO BAGS



- ☐ Include medications, clothing, contact information and age-appropriate supplies.

3 PLAN FOR MEDICAL NEEDS



- ☐ Arrange medication supplies.
- ☐ Plan backup power or alternate accommodations for electrically powered medical equipment.

4 REUNITE, COMMUNICATE & INCLUDE PETS



- ☐ Choose a safe meeting place outside your neighborhood.
- ☐ Share contacts on paper and designate an out-of-area contact.
- ☐ Arrange pet transport, carriers, food and a pet-friendly destination.

PRACTICE THE PLAN TOGETHER

Confirm backup care • Pack go bags • Share contacts • Include pets

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PREPARE YOUR VEHICLE

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Storm safety for employees who drive to work.

Prepare your vehicle, plan your commute and be ready for travel disruptions.

1 CHECK YOUR VEHICLE



- ☐ Check tires, brakes, windshield wipers, lights and defroster.

2 PACK A CAR EMERGENCY KIT



- ☐ Include water, snacks, a flashlight and a phone power bank.
- ☐ Add a rain jacket, blanket and sturdy shoes.
- ☐ Maintain emergency kits at home, work and in your vehicle.

3 PLAN YOUR ROUTE & BACKUP



- ☐ Identify alternate routes that avoid flood-prone underpasses, canyon roads and low-water crossings.
- ☐ Identify a safe place to stay if you cannot get home.

4 CHECK CONDITIONS & WORK PLANS



- ☐ Review weather warnings and road closures before leaving home AND before leaving work.
- ☐ Ask about workplace closures, delayed starts, remote work and what to do if roads become unsafe.



TURN AROUND. DON'T DROWN.

Never drive through floodwater or around closure barriers.
Turn around and use a safe alternative.

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