

# NEWS

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## POTENTIAL FLOOD DANGER DOWNSTREAM OF BURN AREAS

The recent fires have increased the chance of flash floods, and mud and debris flows from thunderstorms. The National Weather Service has announced the possibility of thunderstorm activity in San Bernardino County starting within the next 24 hours. With these thunderstorms, areas downstream of the lands burned by the Sawtooth Complex and Millard Complex Fires may experience large amounts of storm flows carrying mud and fire debris, clogging streambeds, bridges and culverts. Flooding can occur far from the burned areas. With no vegetation left to hold water, streams will fill rapidly and increase the possibility of flooding in regions below the burned areas.

Residents in low-lying regions should take precautions to protect their properties through the use of sandbags or other measures. Information on the location and use of sandbags can be found on the County's web site at <http://www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/flood/>. Area residents should review their family emergency plans and make provisions for possible power outages and disruption to roads and services. Parents are advised to caution their children to avoid flooded areas and washes. Extreme caution should be used when crossing washes and arroyos, since these natural drainages can experience flash flooding. Motorists should never drive through running water.

County agencies are preparing to meet this potential flood emergency.

During an emergency, County residents should tune to their local Emergency Alert System (EAS) radio broadcast station for current emergency information.

95.1 FM	KFRG	Valley and High Desert
93.3 FM	KBHR	Big Bear Valley
98.9 FM	KHWY	High Desert
102.3 FM	KZXY	Victor Valley

For current weather information, check the National Weather Service site at <http://wrh.noaa.gov/vef/>.

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