

# NEWS

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## Possibility of rain will continue into Thursday afternoon

Although San Bernardino County escaped serious injury and damage from this morning's storm, the National Weather Service has revived a Flash Flood Warning through at least 5 p.m. today and plans to maintain a Flash Flood Watch through 2 p.m. Thursday because of a continuing possibility of brief periods of heavy rainfall.

The County of San Bernardino is warning residents of flood-prone regions – particularly those below the areas burned by last year's wildfires – to take appropriate precautions.

Because of last year's wildfires, foothill and canyon areas from the Los Angeles County line to Highland are susceptible to flash floods, mudflows, and debris flows.

Authorities will make every effort to warn the public when a disaster is expected; however, storms can develop quickly. Residents in vulnerable areas are advised to use good judgment and find a safe location during rainy weather.

Officials advise citizens to take precautions to protect their family and property from the dangers this and future rainstorms may bring:

- Protect homes with sandbags and/or other flood control devices.
- Develop a family disaster plan, including evacuation routes and a meeting place.
- Stock homes with emergency food and medical supplies.
- Keep emergency kits in cars.
- Monitor and heed storm and flash flood warnings.

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Residents are also advised to stay clear of flood control debris basins and channels. Persons can be swept away by a surge of water run off, mudflow, or debris flow. These areas are also dangerous when it is not raining as persons may become trapped in mud and debris by venturing onto what may appear to be stable soil.

County officials will update the public as more information becomes available. Citizens should stay tuned to local media outlets or:

- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio.
- Monitor the National Weather Service Web Site at [www.wrh.noaa.gov/sandiego](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sandiego).
- Call the National Weather Service at (858) 675-8700.
- Call the San Bernardino County Fire/Flood Information Hotline at (909) 355-8800 for recorded information.

The County of San Bernardino has taken a number of steps, starting while the wildfires were still burning, to protect county residents from the increased risk of flooding that occurs after fires:

- The county has established a Telephone Emergency Notification System that can instantaneously place warning telephone calls to county residents in selected areas.
- The county mailed warning letters to every household and business in areas susceptible to debris flows and flash flooding.
- The county has made hundreds of thousands of sandbags and sand available free of charge to county residents, including instructions on how to use them.
- The county has placed extensive flood preparation information on its website at [www.sbcounty.gov](http://www.sbcounty.gov).
- The county has worked closely with the news media to warn residents of impending storms and advise residents of precautions to be taken.
- The county has participated in door-to-door warning campaigns in high-risk areas.
- The county has participated in community meetings to discuss flood risk, precautions, and assistance.