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County warns residents to beware of falling trees

Nearly a week's worth of rain and today's unusually heavy snowfall have created an unusual hazard in San Bernardino County – massive trees rooted in soggy soil collapsing under the weight of accumulated snow and ice.

It isn't just bark beetle-weakened trees that are susceptible to this hazard. The county has fielded reports of perfectly healthy, mature trees buckling under the strain.

Residents are warned to stay clear of trees that look or sound as if they may be under strain, or any tree that appears to have gathered an especially heavy load of snow or ice. Trees within falling distance of homes should be viewed with particular caution.

Weather and disaster information is located on the county website at www.sbcounty.gov.