

# County of Los Angeles Fire Department

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### **STORM SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

Los Angeles County firefighters remind residents to be aware of potential mud and debris flow dangers associated with rainy days, especially for those living in post-burn areas of any recent wildfires. The more prepared you are the better of chances for survival during a major water-related emergency.

#### **Residents living in burn areas are advised to:**

- Closely monitor radio and television news** for updated information about weather conditions and flooding in your area.
- Identify important items to take** if evacuation is necessary, such as computers, mobile devices, photos, important documents, medications, and other important items for your family and pets.
- Be prepared to leave immediately** if an evacuation of your neighborhood is ordered. Have alternate evacuation routes.
- Have an emergency plan** that is easy for all family members to understand.
- Have enough food and water** to supply your family for at least a 72-hour period.
- Always remember to include a radio and flashlight** with fresh batteries in your kit.
- Pick up sandbags and instructional materials** at Los Angeles County fire stations.

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### **General storm safety guidelines for Los Angeles County residents:**

- **Never underestimate** the power of storm and debris flows.
- **Stay away from** flood control channels, catch basins, canyons, and natural waterways, which are vulnerable to flooding during periods of heavy rain.
- **Do not attempt** to cross flooded areas and never enter moving water on foot or in a vehicle.
- **If flooding traps you** in your car, stay in your vehicle if possible. If necessary, wait on top of your car for assistance.
- **If you become isolated**, seek the highest ground available and wait for help.
- **If you see someone** who has been swept into moving water, do not enter the water and attempt a rescue. Immediately call 9-1-1 and, if possible, throw a rope or some type of floatation device to them.

For more information on flood safety and disaster preparedness, please visit:  
<http://fire.lacounty.gov/SafetyPreparedness/SafetyPreparedness.asp>

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