

El Niño:

Riverside County Prepares

Before the Storm



Buy flood insurance. Flood insurance takes 30 days to take effect. Standard policies do not cover flood damage.



1-877-336-2627



www.floodsmart.gov



Have a plan  www.rivcoready.org/disaster-preparedness/have-plan

- Prepare a plan that includes your entire family and incorporates your family's specific needs:
 - Family dynamics (i.e. kids, elderly, medically fragile people)
 - Work, school, or home travel time
 - If an emergency happens while you're away from home, who will look after your home?
- Write down meeting place locations (primary, secondary)
- Identify travel arrangement plans and access routes (e.g. kid pick up)
- Store essential phone numbers with your plans - including insurance provider
- Keep a copy of your plan with your kit
- Practice the plan from time to time; make update as necessary
- Know where to seek information about disaster (i.e. radio, websites)
- Register for RivCo Ready Alerts



www.rivcoready.org/alert-rivco



Build a Kit  www.rivcoready.org/disaster-preparedness/make-kit

- Gather non-perishable food, water, and other basic supplies
- Prepare for a minimum of 3 days, 7 days is preferred
- Include a copy of your family-specific plan
- Don't forget your pets!



Prepare your property:

- Clean Gutters
- Check for loose roof tiles, shingles, or roof leaks
- Store and/or secure outdoor furniture or other outdoor objects
- Inspect for signs of obstruction in retaining wall drain holes, surface drains, subsurface drains, and yard drains
- Place ground cover on bare ground, slopes, or freshly graded areas
- Always check permitting requirements with the County before you build on, alter, fill or re-grade any portion of your property



951-955-1800 (Building & Safety) **951-955-3200** (Planning)

Contact the County to determine if permits are required BEFORE doing any of the above in a wash, stream, lake, or river (failure to do so may result in violations of local, state, and/or federal law)




951-955-2004 (Code Enforcement)

Before the Storm (continued)

Stage and Sandbags:

- You can obtain sand and sandbags from your local fire department
- Sandbags will last without holes and when stored outside of direct sunlight. KEEP THEM for future use
- It is illegal to dump sand in stream, gutter, or storm drain system

 www.rivcoready.org/disaster-preparedness/have-plan/flooding/find-sand-and-sandbags

 www.readyriverside.org



During the Storm

Important Contact Information

- Emergency: **9-1-1**
- Clogged channels, inlets, road culverts, roadside ditches: **951-955-1230**
- **Western County** (Palm Springs to western border): **951-955-1230**
- **Eastern County** (Cathedral City to eastern border): **760-398-2651**

Avoid unnecessary trips. Only travel in emergencies.

- DO NOT stop to “sightsee” in flooded areas
- DO NOT go around barricades
- DO NOT walk, swim, or drive through flood waters
- STAY OFF bridges over fast-moving waters

Resources

Before the disaster:

www.rivcoready.org www.rcflood.org www.rvcfire.org www.redcross.org
www.caloes.ca.gov www.fema.gov www.noaa.gov (weather)

During the disaster:

www.rvcfire.org www.riversidesheriff.org www.dot.ca.gov www.noaa.gov

After the disaster:

www.rivcoready.org www.rcflood.org www.connectriverside.org
www.redcross.org www.caloes.ca.gov www.fema.gov

Support Services:

 **2-1-1**

 www.iscuw.org

Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District:

 www.rcflood.org

 **951-955-1200**

 **@rivcoready**

Emergency Management Department:

 www.rivcoready.org

 **951-358-7100**

 **@rivcoready**