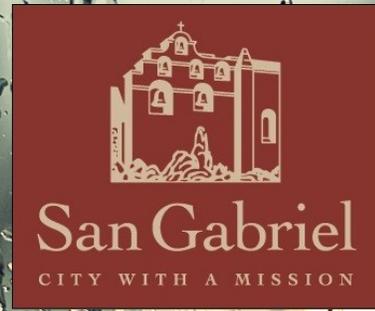


# EL NIÑO: BE PREPARED



While it may be hard to think about rain during the state's unprecedented drought, forecasters have warned that a strong El Niño will hit Southern California this winter and bring severe weather to the region. These conditions mean that there is a 95 percent chance of heavy rain storms from January through March.

With conditions expected to be the most severe in decades, city officials are taking steps to ensure the city and its residents are prepared in order to minimize damage and injuries from flooding, mud slides, winds and other weather-caused emergencies. It's important for residents to take similar steps to ensure they are prepared **before the storm.**

## **BEFORE THE STORM**

- ◆ Put together emergency kits for home, work and car, including supplies for every member of the household for three days.
- ◆ Important emergency supplies include food, water, personal hygiene, first aid, flashlights, batteries, clothing and one gallon of water per person per day.
- ◆ Inspect yard for dead trees, debris, outdoor furniture and other objects easily blown by winds; loose items could block storm drains and lead to flooding.
- ◆ Properly trim all trees. Clean drains and gutters.
- ◆ Inspect retaining walls and slopes, ensuring that water drains away from your home.
- ◆ Inspect your roof and make repairs now.
- ◆ Properly store or cover any materials that may pose health or environmental risks in flooding (such as fertilizer, paint, loose soil).
- ◆ Review and update insurance policies, and consider purchasing flood insurance. Document property and possessions.
- ◆ Make copies of critical documents and consider keeping emergency cash in your home.



**SIGN UP FOR TEXT, EMAIL OR PHONE NOTIFICATIONS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO GET THE LATEST EMERGENCY NEWS AND INFORMATION DURING A STORM.**

**[WWW.SANGABRIELCITY.COM/SGALERT](http://WWW.SANGABRIELCITY.COM/SGALERT)**

## **SANDBAGS**



**Residents can get 10 free sandbags per household.**

**Contact Public Works to arrange pickup.**

**626-308-2825**

## DURING A STORM

- ◆ Report debris, clogged drains, flooding and damaged trees to Public Works at 626-308-2825. After hours, call the police non-emergency line at 626-308-2828.
- ◆ Follow SG Alert notifications for the latest emergency updates and notifications, including information about evacuations if necessary.
- ◆ Do not touch downed power lines, call 9-1-1 to report them immediately.
- ◆ Avoid areas subject to flooding, do not drive or walk through flooded streets.
- ◆ Monitor the city website and social media pages, as well as public access Channel 3, for information updates.

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

**ALL LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCIES: 9-1-1**

**PUBLIC WORKS: 626-308-2825**

**POLICE NON-EMERGENCY LINE: 626-308-2828**

**POWER OUTAGES (SCE): 800-611-1911**

**GAS OUTAGES (SOCAL GAS): 800-427-4241**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT NON-EMERGENCY LINE: 626-308-2880**

## MORE INFORMATION:



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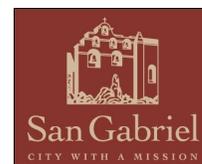
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