In an emergency…

- ☑ Monitor radio and TV news closely for information about weather conditions, flooding in your area and safety precautions being advised.
- ☑ Be prepared to leave immediately if an evacuation is ordered. Have alternate evacuation routes out of your neighborhood.
- ☑ Stay away from flood channels and flowing rivers. You could be knocked off your feet in as little as six inches of water.
- ☑ Don't try to cross flooded areas and never enter moving water. Turn around—don't drown.
- ☑ Floodwaters pick up sewage and chemicals from roads, farms and factories. If your home has been flooded, protect your family's health by cleaning up right away. Throw out foods and medicines that may have been affected.
- ☑ Stay away from steep slopes that may become unstable when saturated.
- ☑ Never touch a downed power line, which can cause serious injury or death. Call 9-1-1 to report it.
- ☑ Look for tilted trees, telephone poles, fences or walls, and for new holes or bare spots on hillsides.
- ☑ If trapped in your vehicle, stay with it. If possible, relocate to the hood if water continues to rise.
- ☑ Be alert when driving. Roads may become blocked or closed due to hazards.
- ☑ Report small problems as soon as they occur so they don't turn into bigger problems.

Be Safe. Be Prepared.

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Online Resource Guide

www.lacounty.gov/elnino

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COORDINATED AGENCY RESPONSE EFFORT

www.dpwcare.org

Other Resources

LA County Fire Department
www.fire.lacounty.gov

LA County Public Health
www.publichealth.lacounty.gov

Flood, Debris and Erosion Control
www.ladpw.org/wmd/homeowners

Sandbag Distribution Locations
www.dpwcare.org/sandbags

Public Works Dispatch Center
Please call 800-675-HELP (4357) to report urgent issues in unincorporated areas and contract cities.

Southern California Edison
www.sce.com/wps/portal/home/safety/family/outdoor-tips

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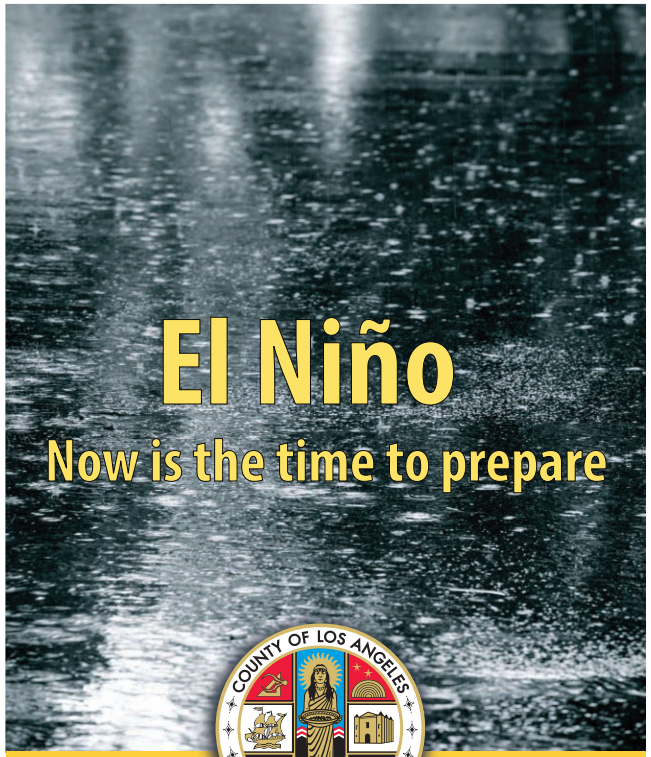

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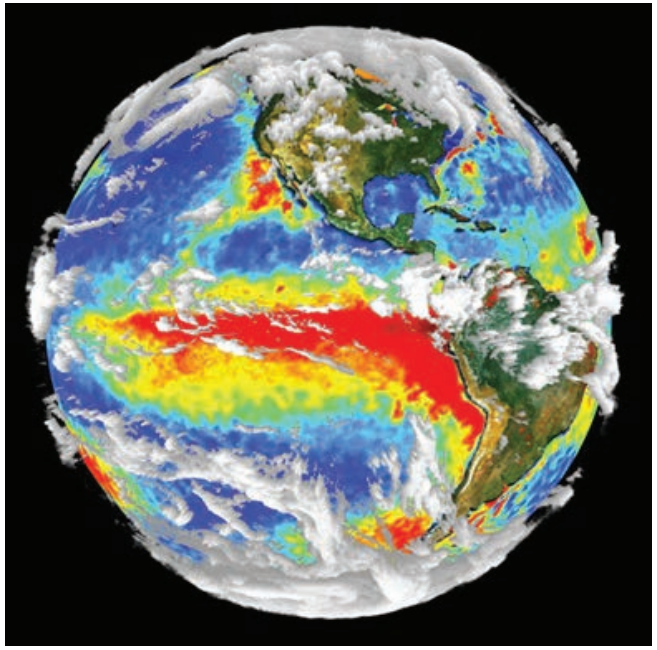
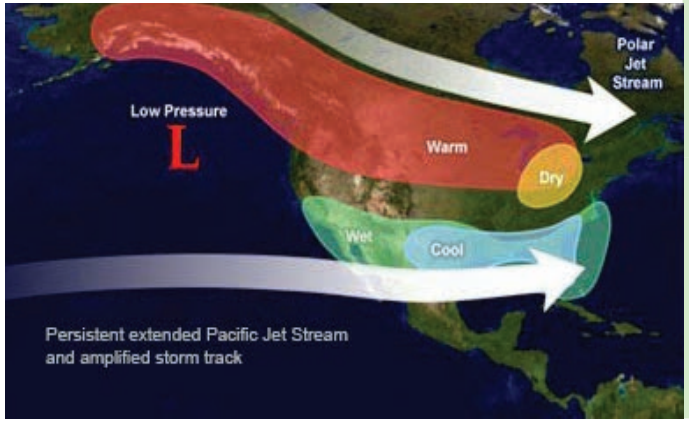


About El Niño

When strong El Niño conditions exist, there is a higher probability of increased rainfall along the coast of California. The increased rainfall can result in heavier than normal runoff, causing regional and large-scale flooding.

However, it is difficult to predict how strong this winter's El Niño could become, and the effects storms may have on the West Coast. So it is important to be aware of the possible impacts from an El Niño winter and plan accordingly.



How you can prepare

Register on **ALERT LA County** to have emergency notifications sent to your mobile phone and email.
www.lacounty.gov/emergency/alert-la
ALERT LA County is set up for TTY/TDD communications.

Download the **County's Emergency Survival Guide** and use it to keep the entire family—including pets—safe. **www.lacoa.org/PDF/EmergencySurvivalGuide-LowRes.pdf**

Download the County's **free app for iPhone and Android "The Works"** to report storm-related problems and to receive news and information. **www.dpw.lacounty.gov/theworks**

Create an emergency kit including the following items:

- Food and water to last three days to a week. Don't forget the pets.
- First aid kit
- Flashlights (and extra batteries)
- Radio (and extra batteries)
- Medications (over-the-counter and prescription)
- Cash and important documents
- Clothing and sturdy shoes
- Tools (wrench, duct tape, fire extinguisher, sturdy gloves, whistle)
- Sanitation and hygiene supplies

Know how to get help

Road closures

Bookmark Public Works' road closures website for quick reference.

www.dpw.lacounty.gov/roadclosures

Tree safety

If you see a drought-stressed parkway/median tree in unincorporated county areas, please call **800-675-HELP (4357)**.
Concerned about a tree on your property? Call a certified arborist.

Sandbags

Obtain sandbags from designated locations and channelize runoff to the streets.
www.dpwcare.org/sandbags

Public Works Dispatch

Call **800-675-HELP (4357)** to report problems and hazards in unincorporated areas of LA County.

Weather conditions

Check with the National Weather Service for storm advisories. **www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox**

211 LA County

Find County programs and services.
www.211la.org

Beach closures

Heavy rainfall can lead to higher bacteria levels in the ocean. Get the latest information on beach conditions by calling **(800) 525-5662** or on the Public Health website:
www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/eh/water_quality/beach_grades.cfm