

# 10 ways to **PREPARE**

1. **Create an emergency kit, today!** If you already have an emergency kit, review it regularly.
2. **Check your car.** Make sure your car's tires have good tread and that your windshield wipers work well. Your headlights should always be on in the rain.
3. **Check your house.** Clear your outdoor drains and gutters of any leaves, dirt or debris. Secure trash, recycling bins and any other items that have the potential of blowing or floating away. Have weakened trees inspected by an arborist.
4. **Got flood insurance?** Consider purchasing flood insurance. Keep in mind, most flood policies have a 30-day waiting period.
5. **Use sandbags.** Utilize sandbags to help protect your home and property before a storm.
6. **Don't risk your life.** Stay informed. Monitor news and weather reports and follow @ReadyLACounty on social media for news developments.
7. **Prevent stormwater pollution.** Rain washes everything into storm drains that lead to our rivers and ocean. Secure household hazardous waste with tight-fitting lids and store these items in covered areas.
8. **Emergency Alerts.** Receive notifications on your mobile phone or email. Register at [alert.lacounty.gov](https://alert.lacounty.gov), or simply search "Alert LA County" on the web.
9. **Download The Works.** LA County's FREE app for iPhone and Android, to report storm-related problems.
10. **Prepare ahead of a storm.** For more tips on how to prepare for a storm visit [lacounty.gov/LARain](https://lacounty.gov/LARain) or scan the QR Code



Ready LA County



For storm preparedness tips:  
[ready.lacounty.gov](https://ready.lacounty.gov)

## Other Resources

### LA County Fire Department

[fire.lacounty.gov](https://fire.lacounty.gov)

### LA County Public Health

[ph.lacounty.gov](https://ph.lacounty.gov)

### LA County Sheriff

[sheriff.lacounty.gov](https://sheriff.lacounty.gov)

### Flood, Debris and Erosion Control

[lacounty.pw/homeowners-guide](https://lacounty.pw/homeowners-guide)

### Beaches and Harbors

[beaches.lacounty.gov](https://beaches.lacounty.gov)

### Public Works Dispatch Center

Call (800) 675-HELP (4357) to report  
urgent issues in unincorporated areas.

### Southern California Edison

[sce.com](https://sce.com)

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# STORM SEASON

*Now is the time to prepare.*



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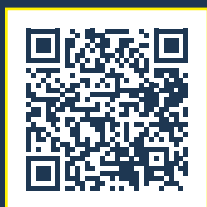


## The danger of **MUDSLIDE**

Winter storms bring danger of mud and debris flows in steep hillside areas, especially on slopes affected by recent wildfires. Being prepared is your best defense. Know your property's risk factors. Clear drainage paths. Use sandbags to direct runoff and protect structures.

Wildfire burn areas carry special dangers. Fire not only destroys vegetation that holds soil in place, the intense heat can also affect the soil itself and prevent water absorption. Rain, mud, branches and other debris can roar down hillsides in a storm endangering lives and property. Don't be caught unprepared.

For more tips on how to protect your home visit: [lacounty.pw/homeowners-guide](https://lacounty.pw/homeowners-guide)



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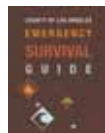
Ready LA County supports TTY/TDD communications.

Download the County's free app **The Works**, for iPhone and Android, to report storm-related problems or receive information on County services and events. Scan the QR code or visit [pw.lacounty.gov/theworks](https://pw.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



Download the County's Emergency Survival Guide and use it to keep the entire family—including pets—safe.

[lacounty.gov/emergency/emergency-survival-guide/](https://lacounty.gov/emergency/emergency-survival-guide/)



### Know how to get information and help



#### Road Closures

Bookmark Public Works' road closures website for quick reference.

[pw.lacounty.gov/roadclosures](https://pw.lacounty.gov/roadclosures)



#### Sandbags

Obtain sandbags from designated locations and channelize runoff to the streets.

[pw.lacounty.gov/dsg/sandbags](https://pw.lacounty.gov/dsg/sandbags)



#### Weather conditions

Check with the National Weather Service for storm advisories.

[weather.gov/lox](https://weather.gov/lox)



#### Beach and Harbor Conditions

Heavy rainfall can lead to higher bacteria levels in the ocean. Get the latest information by calling **(800) 525-5662** or visit the Public Health website: [ph.lacounty.gov](https://ph.lacounty.gov). Visit [beaches.lacounty.gov](https://beaches.lacounty.gov) for other beach and harbor information.



#### Tree safety

Call **(800) 675-HELP (4357)** if you see a drought-stressed parkway/median tree in unincorporated county areas.



#### Flood Insurance

Visit the National Flood Insurance Program and other flood-related resources.

[floodsmart.gov](https://floodsmart.gov)



#### Public Works Dispatch

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