

EMD BULLETIN



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Important Preparedness Information for City of Los Angeles Residents & Business Owners Who May Be Impacted By Floods & Debris Flows

The Los Angeles Fire Department has identified areas that may be severely impacted by this season's rain as a result of the Sayre, Sessnon-Marek, and Station Fires. The Emergency Management Department has posted 22 maps to help residents determine if their home or business is in the potential flood paths and debris flows, which are depicted by yellow arrows. These maps can be found at:

<http://www.lacity.org/updatela/epddoc/789126461172009.pdf>

The City of Los Angeles in partnership with the County of Los Angeles will hold several Town Hall meetings throughout the months of November and December 2009 to address the concerns of the residents in these areas. Representatives from several Los Angeles City and County agencies will be in attendance to answer storm debris flow related questions and advise residents on debris flow preparedness for both life safety and property protection.

Debris Flow Preparedness Community Town Hall Meetings are scheduled on:

- **November 17, 2009, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
Northeast Valley City Hall, 7747 Foothill Blvd,
Tujunga, Ca 91042
- **November 23, 2009, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**
Olive Vista Middle School Gymnasium
14600 Tyler Street, Sylmar, Ca, 91342
- **December 7, 2009, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
Sheppard of the Hills Church
19700 Rinaldi Street, Porter Ranch, Ca, 91326

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About the Emergency Management Department (EMD)

The Emergency Management Department was established by ordinance in 2000 by the City Council and Mayor. EMD is dedicated to leading the City in comprehensive emergency management including: planning, mitigation, preparation, response to and recovery from natural, manmade and accidental incidents of high consequence.

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To follow flood and debris flow updates, call our Information Helpline at **(800) 439-2909** or visit any of the following websites:

- <http://www.ReadyLA.org>
- <http://www.UpdateLA.org>
- <http://emergency.lacity.org>
- <http://twitter.com/readyla>
- <http://www.facebook.com/readyla>
- <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/CARE/>

The City of Los Angeles EMD recommends that you take important readiness measures to ensure your safety and protect your property. The following page outlines storm preparedness tips. More information can be found at www.ReadyLA.org under *Severe Weather & Flooding*.

Flood & Debris Flow Preparedness

Family Evacuation Plan – It is vital to plan ahead and adhere to evacuation orders given by official City of Los Angeles and County of Los Angeles agencies.

Mobile Emergency Kit - Having a Mobile Emergency kit ahead of time will greatly reduce the stress involved when evacuation orders are given. For a list of suggested supplies, visit www.ReadyLA.org.

Animal Evacuation - Animal evacuation plans are essential. Identify potential locations where you can take your animals (e.g. private kennel/stable) and determine how you will transport them (e.g. portable cages/trailers). Remember: most kennels/stables require proof of current vaccinations and microchip/licenses are critical for reunification, so it's best to maintain all documentation on your pets in your Mobile Emergency Kit.

Power Outages – Residents should prepare for possible extended power and water outages as crews from the Department of Water and Power may not be able to restore power due to storm related problems, such as high winds, flooding, and mud and debris flows. It is imperative that Lifeline Customers consider early evacuations in the event their surrounding areas are impacted.

Road Closures - Residents near the paths of potential floodwaters, debris or mud may be advised to evacuate before heavy rainstorms arrive.

Property Protection Measures

Sand and Sandbags - Sandbags and sand are available at all Bureau of Street Service maintenance yards and local fire stations. A list of maintenance yard sandbag locations can be found by calling 3-1-1 or at www.lacity.org/boss/resurfacing/storm.htm.

Storm Flooding – To report any flooding problems or for any storm related assistance, please call 3-1-1.