

EL NIÑO PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

Small steps make a big difference.

Community preparedness information sourced from NOAA/NWS,
County of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles, and other government agencies.



Be prepared to be
on your own for at
least **72 hours**.

1 STAY INFORMED



- ☐ Sign up for govt. notifications and Wireless Emergency Alerts.
- ☐ Monitor NWS Los Angeles/Oxnard forecasts, watches, and warnings.
- ☐ Check local road and weather conditions before travel.

2 PROTECT YOUR HOME



- ☐ Clear gutters, downspouts, storm drains, and yard drainage.
- ☐ Inspect the roof, windows, doors, and exterior drains for leaks or damage.
- ☐ Move valuables, electronics, medications, and important papers to higher ground.
- ☐ Keep sandbags or temporary barriers if your area is flood-prone.

3 MAKE A FAMILY PLAN



- ☐ Choose evacuation routes and a family meeting place.
- ☐ Pick an out-of-area emergency contact.
- ☐ Include safe schools and caregiver contacts in your plan.
- ☐ Include transportation and medication needs.

4 PREPARE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS



- ☐ Talk with children about severe weather and what to do.
- ☐ Make sure schools and caregivers have updated emergency contact information.
- ☐ Plan for older adults, people with access and functional needs, and pets.

5 BUILD SUPPLIES



- ☐ Prepare a go-kit with water, food, medications, flashlights, batteries, chargers, cash, first aid, and pet supplies.
- ☐ Keep extra supplies on hand in case you need to shelter at home.
- ☐ Plan for backup power or cold storage if someone relies on electricity or refrigerated medicine.

6 PREPARE YOUR VEHICLE



- ☐ Keep at least half a tank of fuel.
- ☐ Pack an emergency car kit with water, snacks, flashlight, charger, blanket, and basic supplies.
- ☐ Check tires, wipers, and brakes.
- ☐ Keep a paper map in case of outages or poor cell service.
- ☐ Avoid flooded roadways.

7 PROTECT FINANCES AND RECORDS



- ☐ Review insurance coverage; standard homeowners policies generally do not cover flood damage.
- ☐ Store IDs, insurance papers, medical information, and key contacts in a waterproof bag or secure digital file.

8 STAY SAFE DURING AND AFTER HEAVY RAIN



- ☐ Never walk, swim, or drive through floodwater.
- ☐ Stay away from channels, debris basins, steep slopes, burn-scar areas, and downed power lines.
- ☐ Follow evacuation warnings and orders immediately.
- ☐ Watch for landslides and debris flows after storms.
- ☐ Check your home carefully before re-entry or cleanup.



TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN

Never drive or walk through floodwater.



WEBSITE URLS



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