

NEWS

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Yucaipa advises residents to prepare for storm

The National Weather Service and other forecasting agencies are predicting extended periods of significant rain. The City is advising residents in and below areas recently burned by wildfires to be aware of, and prepare for, the possibility of flooding. Other low-lying areas near and adjacent to watercourses may also experience localized flooding.

Residents are advised to stay clear of flood control debris basins and channels. Persons can be swept away by a surge of water runoff, mudflow, or debris flow. Debris basins and channels are also dangerous when it is not raining as persons may become trapped in mud and debris venturing onto what may appear to be stable soil. Do not drive where water is over the road as floodwaters can rise rapidly and sweep a car and its occupants away.

City Public Works officials and crews will be monitoring weather conditions around the clock for the duration of the storms and will be poised with equipment to respond to heavily affected areas.

The public can obtain information on storm conditions by accessing the San Diego National Weather Service (NWS) website at <http://www.weather.gov/sandiego>. Information on sand and sandbag locations and other disaster preparedness measures are accessible through the City web page at www.yucaipa.org under News/Events or the Disaster and Emergency Preparedness tab.

If you observe immediate flooding affecting property, report it directly to the City at 909-797-2489, ext. 254. If you observe immediate flooding affecting lives, report it directly to 911.