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EL NIÑO RAINS

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If you are one of the thousands of families in San Diego living by the coast, along a river or near a levee protecting our neighborhoods, you are most likely in a **flood prone area** that carries heavy rain towards the ocean. Now that the El Nino rains have arrived, the risk of temporary flooding in these areas has grown, making it important to learn and remember a few critical safety tips.

BE PREPARED BEFORE IT RAINS

- Sign up for Alert San Diego notifications for all your telephone numbers (<http://www.readysandiego.org/alertsandiego/>)
- Report blocked storm drains by calling (619) 235-1000 or with an online service request (<http://apps.sandiego.gov/pwpubserv/Pages/WebFormTextMethod.aspxith>)
- Visit the FEMA Flood Map Service Center (<https://msc.fema.gov/portal>) to find your official flood map, access a range of other flood hazard products, and take advantage of tools for better understanding flood risks

WHEN RAINS ARRIVE

- Report flooding to the City's emergency dispatch center at (619) 527-7500
- Drive carefully! Slow down and do not drive through standing water

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When heavy rains arrive almost any neighborhood can experience temporary flooding. Everyone, especially those living near the coast or waterways leading to the ocean, should identify a reliable Safe Route Out when flooding occurs. **Take time today to consider the quickest route to higher ground – the fastest way out of flooding.** Main streets heading up hill are usually the best choice.

Getting prepared for El Niño is a team effort.

City crews are working hard to prepare storm drains, roadways and City facilities for what may become a very wet winter. This effort also requires help from San Diego residents and businesses. You can do your part by **keeping your storm drains clear** and **driving safely** when it rains.