

PREPARATION FOR SEVERE WEATHER



Orange County residents should be prepared for flooding, and also for flash flooding that can occur suddenly due to heavy rainfall in a short period of time.



For more information, visit:
www.ocfa.org
(714) 573-6200

Make a Kit, Make a Plan, and Stay Informed

- Make a disaster kit that is portable in case you have to evacuate.
- Have an evacuation plan.
- Keep valuables, documents, and medicines in one place for quick access.
- Have a car ready to go with at least half a tank of gas.
- Have a family communication and re-unification plan.
- Sign up for AlertOC at www.alertoc.com

During a Flood

- If on foot, do not attempt to walk through floodwaters. Go directly to higher ground. Six inches of swiftly moving water can sweep you off your feet.
- Keep children and pets away from floodwaters, storm drains, and sewers.
- Never drive into a flooded area. Most cars can be swept away by less than two feet of water.
- If your car stalls and water is rapidly rising around you, immediately get out and move to higher ground.
- Stay informed of weather predictions and road closures.
- Listen to area radio or television stations
 - www.weather.gov
 - www.ocstormcenter.com
- Be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice.

Evacuation

- Grab your disaster kit and follow your evacuation plan.
- If time permits, disconnect appliances and turn off all lights.
- Lock windows and doors in your home before leaving.
- If you evacuate by car, do not drive past barricades, or where water is covering the road.
- Stay on recommended evacuation routes, as shortcuts may be blocked.



Heavy Rains Can Cause Significant Damage to Your Home

- Inspect your roof for leaks and have them repaired immediately.
- Clean out rain gutters, downspouts, and roof drains.
- Inspect the storm drains in the street. If they are clogged, report them to public works.
- If you have a pool, keep an eye on its water level. Overflows may cause damage to your home.
- Apply netting and straw mulch on steep slopes.
- Inspect all yard drains frequently for debris.
- Have sandbags, plywood, or plastic sheeting available to direct the storm flow away from your home.

Sand and sandbags are **ONLY** available for **RESIDENTS** of OCFA cities.

Empty sandbags are available at most Orange County Fire Authority stations. Many city yards also have sand and sandbags available for the public. Please contact your local city yard for more information. The following OCFA fire stations have both sand and sandbags:

| City | Fire Station | Address |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Cypress | 17 | 4991 Cerritos Avenue |
| Irvine | 36 | 301 E. Yale Loop |
| Laguna Niguel | 49 | 31461 Street of the Golden Lantern |
| Laguna Woods/ Laguna Hills | 22 | 24001 Paseo de Valencia |
| Modjeska Canyon | 16 | 28891 Modjeska Canyon Road |
| Placentia | 34 | 1530 N. Valencia Avenue |
| Rancho Mission Viejo | 56 | 56 Sendero Way |
| Santa Ana | 79 | 1320 East Warner Avenue |
| Seal Beach | 48 | 3131 North Gate Road |
| Silverado | 14 | 29402 Silverado Canyon Road |
| Silverado | 15 | 27172 Silverado Canyon Road |
| Trabuco | 18 | 30942 Trabuco Canyon Road |
| Tustin | 21 | 1241 Irvine Boulevard |
| Villa Park | 23 | 5020 Santiago Canyon Road |
| Yorba Linda | 53 | 25415 East La Palma Avenue |

Residents are encouraged to bring their own shovel. Crews may or may not be present to assist in filling sandbags. Supplies are limited and based upon demand and availability.