PREPARING FOR SEVERE WEATHER



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

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.

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

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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
Aliso Viejo	57	57 Journey
Buena Park	63	9210 Holder Street
Cypress	17	4991 Cerritos Avenue
Emerald Bay	11	259 Emerald Bay
Garden Grove	82	11805 Gilbert Street
Garden Grove	83	12132 Trask Avenue
Garden Grove	84	12191 Valley View Street
Irvine	27	12400 Portola Springs
Irvine	36	301 E. Yale Loop
Laguna Hills	22	24001 Paseo de Valencia
Los Alamitos	2	3642 Green Avenue
Modjeska Canyon	16	28891 Modjeska Canyon Road
Rancho Mission Viejo	56	56 Sendero Way
San Clemente	59	59 Avenida La Pata
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.