How to Prepare for El Niño

with 9 easy steps

Preparedness Kit

Keep a flashlight, batteries, cash and first aid supplies handy.

Emergency Apps

Make sure you and your phone are prepared for emergencies.

Inspect Your Car

Check your windshield wipers & tire tread.

Prepare Your Home

Clear your gutters and outdoor drains. Use sandbags to protect your home.

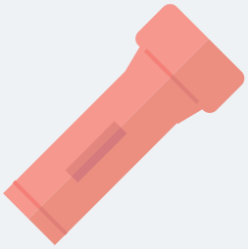
Trees and Vegetation

If you observe trees or other vegetation that are dead or dying and leaning into overhead power lines, submit a tree trimming request.

Watch for Electrical Hazards

Always assume a downed wire is energized. Stay away and call 911 immediately.

Use a Flashlight

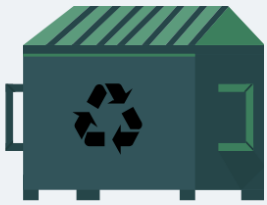


Don't use candles during an outage as they pose a fire risk.

Watch Traffic Signals

Watch for traffic signals that may be out. Approach those intersections as four-way stops.

Secure Trash & Debris



Secure trash or other items that have the potential of blowing or floating away.

Safety Tips for Storm Season

Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away.

Be aware of flash floods in your area. Flash floods are the #1 cause of weather-related deaths in the U.S.

If there is a chance of flash flooding, move immediately to higher ground. Sandbags can be used to help protect your home and property before a storm.

Severe weather can cause power lines to fall. They can electrify puddles, wet grass and the surrounding area. Watch for downed power lines and call 911 immediately.

For more safety tips, visit on.sce.com/staysafe

Sources: Ready.gov, LACounty.gov

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