

# LISTOS CALIFORNIA

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS



### STAY SAFE IN SEVERE STORMS

Planning ahead for severe storms is the best way to ensure everyone's safety. With severe storms, you may experience high winds, flash flooding, and multi-day power outages. Be prepared, stay aware of conditions around you, and stay informed to keep you and the people you care about safe.



#### Stay Informed

- Local government and other local news are resources for up-to-date information about conditions in your area.
- Use official TV, radio, and county emergency services channels to get the information you need to be safe. Keep listening for updates. Do not leave your home or where you are staying unless authorities tell you it is safe to do so. If they tell you to evacuate the area, follow their instructions.
- Sign up for local emergency alerts ([listoscalifornia.org/alerts](https://listoscalifornia.org/alerts)) to help you know when to shelter in place with a Stay Box of essential supplies or when it's time to grab your Go Bag and move to safer ground.



#### Prepare for and Stay Safe During Flooding

- A flash flood can develop quickly, happen anywhere, and can sweep away most things in its path. Pay attention to weather reports. Heavy rainfall can lead to flash flooding and mudslides.
- Be ready to evacuate all people and animals to higher ground if ordered.
- If trapped inside by floodwaters, move to higher floors or a roof, but not attics. Call 9-1-1.
- Never drive into flooded areas. A foot - **or 12 inches** - of water will float many vehicles.
- Stay inside your car if it is trapped in rapidly moving water. If possible, try to get to your roof if water rises inside the car.
- Do not walk through moving water. As little as **six inches** of water can make you fall. Often you can't tell how deep it is or what the water is hiding.
- For your safety, do not drive or walk through flooded locations and areas with downed trees. These are places where there may be downed power lines. Always assume downed power lines are energized and dangerous. Call 9-1-1 to report downed lines.
- Never drive around barricades. Local responders use them to safely direct traffic out of flooded areas or if roads are blocked or closed due to collapsed pavement or debris.
- When water rapidly accumulates in the ground, mudslides can happen. Watch for mudslides in areas with steep slopes and runoff, construction, burn scars and tilting telephone poles, trees, or fences.



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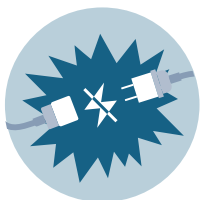


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#### Prepare for and Stay Safe During Strong Winds

- When high winds are expected, remove any dead trees or overhanging branches near structures, loose roofing materials, and objects in yards, patios, roofs, or balconies that could blow away.
- Before a storm, secure outdoor objects such as lawn furniture or garbage cans that could blow away and cause damage or injury.
- If you are driving in high winds, slow down! Keep a safe distance from vehicles in lanes next to you and watch for objects blowing across the road.
- If you are outside during high winds, find shelter immediately. Stay away from trees and power lines, and watch for flying debris.
- Watch out for downed power lines during high winds. Never touch or drive over a fallen power line. If a power line falls on your vehicle, call 911 and stay inside until trained personnel can remove it.



#### Prepare for and Stay Safe During Power Outages

- Storms that bring strong winds and flooding can also bring downed power lines and power outages. Prepare for any medical needs that rely on power and have enough water and food that doesn't need refrigeration for every member of your household for at least three days.
- Sign up for alerts through your energy company so you can be notified about power shutoffs.
- Fully charge backup batteries, prepare to keep medicines cold, and medical devices charged.
- If you use electric medical and assistive devices, create a personal disaster plan with family and caregivers for how to meet your needs during a power outage.
- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed. Use coolers with ice if necessary.
- Use a generator outside only, at least 20 feet from doors and windows. Indoors, its poisonous exhaust can kill in minutes.

