



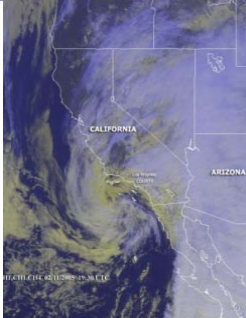



National Weather Service Offices in California present...

The 2nd Annual

California Hazardous Weather Awareness Week

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Sept. 22	Sept. 23	Sept. 24	Sept. 25	Sept. 26	Sept. 27
					
Severe Weather	Floods	Wildfires	Excessive Heat	Coastal and Winter Storms	NOAA Weather Radio

Are you prepared for severe weather events in California? Your local National Weather Service office will help your family and/or business prepare for the worst weather conditions possible by presenting safety and preparedness information from September 22-27, 2008.

For more information, visit us on the web at
www.weather.gov/sanfrancisco/awarenessweek.php

Participating National Weather Service offices:

San Diego	Los Angeles/Oxnard	San Francisco/Monterey
Hanford	Sacramento	Eureka
Phoenix, AZ	Medford, OR	Reno, NV
	Las Vegas, NV	

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Safety Tips and Preparations for Hazardous Weather

- Develop an emergency plan for your home or business.
- Learn about the differences between a weather watch and warning.
- Stay informed of the latest weather developments.
 - Listen to NOAA Weather Radio
 - Visit your local NWS webpage at www.weather.gov
 - Tune into a favorite news source on radio or TV

Thunderstorms

- Use the 30-30 Rule. If the time between lightning and thunder is 30 seconds or less, go to a safer location. Wait at least 30 minutes after hearing the last thunder before leaving the safer location.
- Remain indoors or in an enclosed vehicle during a thunderstorm.
- Look out for fallen debris or downed powerlines.

Floods

- Turn Around, Don't Drown. Never drive into flood waters which may have washed the road out. Remember, a car may float in only 1-2 feet of moving water.
- Recently burned areas are very susceptible to flash flooding and debris flows. Avoid these areas during expected heavy rain events.
- Rivers and creeks may flood their banks. Be prepared to evacuate campsites and canyons where fast-rising water may occur.

Wildfires

- Listen to authorities and evacuate when fire threatens your neighborhood.

Excessive Heat

- Avoid direct sun and exposure during the peak hours of the day.
- Drink plenty of water and stay inside an air conditioned home or public building.
- Check on your elderly neighbors.

Winter Storms

- Avoid driving into the mountains, if possible, during severe winter conditions.
- Keep a winter survival kit in your vehicle, along with extra food, water, blankets, and shovel.
- Do not leave your car if you become stranded during a snow storm.