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Riverside County urges residents to prepare for coming storms

RIVERSIDE – With storm systems expected to soak the area through early Tuesday, residents and businesses in flood-prone areas are urged to prepare for possible flooding and to drive with caution on wet, slick roads. The heaviest rain, with snow in some areas, is predicted today (1/19), tomorrow afternoon (1/20), and Sunday night into Monday, with chances for thunderstorms throughout.

What to do to prepare for future storms:

- ✓ Survey your property and remove excess debris blocking natural streams, drainage systems.
- ✓ Place sandbags in areas that are prone to flooding to prevent water from entering your home or business. There are several locations offering free sandbags available for the public. For a list of sandbag distribution locations, visit RivCoReady.org or call 211.
- ✓ Register your cell and alternate contact information on the [County's Early Warning Notification System](#). During disasters, first responders and emergency services personnel will send out alerts informing community members about flash-flood warnings, evacuation notices and other emergency information.
- ✓ Drive with caution and do not attempt to drive on flooded roads. Turn around, don't drown! A foot of moving water is enough to carry a vehicle away. Six inches is enough to knock a person off their feet.

Flooding is the most common natural disaster in Riverside County, and many people who live in a flood zone are unaware of the hazard. For more information on flooding in Riverside County, please visit RivCoReady.org. Follow us on Twitter [@RivCoReady](#) for preparedness tips and incident information. En español [@RivCoListos](#).