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## POTENTIAL FLOOD DANGER DOWNSTREAM OF BURN AREAS IN THE GRASS VALLEY & SLIDE AREAS

The recent fires have increased the chance of flash floods, and mud and debris flows from thunderstorms and winter storms. With these storms, areas downstream of the lands burned by the fires may have large storm flows carrying mud and debris, clogging streambeds, bridges and culverts. Flooding can occur far from the burned areas. With no vegetation left to hold water, streams will fill quickly and increase the risk of flooding in regions below the burned areas.

If you live in a low-lying region, protect your property by using sandbags or other measures. You can get a limited number of sandbags free-of-charge at most local fire stations. You can also find out where to get sandbags, and how to use them, on the County's web site at <http://www.sbcounty.gov/flood>. Review your family emergency plans and prepare for possible power outages and disruption to roads and services. You should tell your children to avoid flooded areas and washes. Use extreme caution when crossing washes and arroyos, since flash flooding can occur in these natural drainage areas. Motorists should never drive through running water.

County agencies are preparing to meet this potential flood emergency.

During an emergency, you should tune to your local Emergency Alert System (EAS) radio broadcast station for current emergency information.

93.3 FM KBHR Big Bear  
107.7 FM KCDZ Morongo & Joshua Tree  
95.1 FM KFRG Valley & High Desert  
98.9 FM KHWY High Desert  
102.3 FM KZXY Victor Valley  
TV Channel 3

For current weather information, check the National Weather Service site at <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sqx/>, or listen to your local radio station.



## **If You Are Ordered to Evacuate:**

Never ignore an evacuation order. If a flood warning is issued for your area or you are directed to evacuate the area:

- Move immediately to higher ground. Do not wait for instructions to move.
- Take your family disaster supply kit.
- Wear protective clothing and sturdy shoes.
- Turn off the gas, electricity, and water if told to do so. Disconnect electrical appliances. Do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water.
- Lock your home.
- Follow the planned evacuation routes and expect heavy traffic.
- Do not walk through moving water. Six inches of moving water can make you fall. If you have to walk in water, walk where the water is not moving. Use a stick to check the firmness of the ground in front of you.

## **Driving Flood Facts:**

Remember these important points when driving in flood conditions:

- Do not try to drive across creeks or flooded roads.
- Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, causing loss of control and possible stalling.
- A foot of water will float many vehicles.
- Two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles, including sport utility vehicles (SUV's) and pick-ups.