



EL NIÑO

ARE YOU READY?

BEFORE A STORM OR FLOOD:

- GATHER YOUR **EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT** AND **DISASTER PLAN**.
- CLEAN OUT YOUR GUTTERS, MAINTAIN ANY TREES, AND INSPECT AND/OR REPAIR YOUR ROOF.
- MAKE PLANS FOR HOW YOU CAN AVOID DRIVING IN EXTREME WEATHER.
- IF YOU ARE IN A FLOOD-PRONE ZONE, CONSIDER PLACING SANDBAGS AROUND YOUR HOME FOR ADDED PROTECTION.

DURING A STORM OR FLOOD:

- STAY INFORMED OF CHANGING WEATHER CONDITIONS.
- STAY INDOORS AND AVOID DRIVING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
- DO NOT DRIVE OR WALK THROUGH MOVING WATER OR FLOODED AREAS. **TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN.**
- NEVER USE GENERATORS, OUTDOOR COOKING EQUIPMENT, OR GASOLINE OR PROPANE HEATERS INDOORS.

AFTER A STORM OR FLOOD:

- IF THE POWER IS OUT FOR MORE THAN A FEW DAYS, COMMUNITY SHELTERS MAY BE SET UP FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES.
- KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR STORM DAMAGE THAT MAY CAUSE HARM SUCH AS BROKEN TREE LIMBS, DAMAGED POWER LINES, ETC.
- INSPECT YOUR HOME FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE STORM.
- INSPECT UTILITIES & REPORT ANY DAMAGES.

UNDERSTANDING FLOOD TERMINOLOGY:

- **FLOOD ADVISORY:** BE AWARE OF CHANGING WEATHER CONDITIONS.
- **FLOOD WATCH:** BE PREPARED TO MOVE AWAY FROM THE AREA.
- **FLOOD WARNING:** TAKE ACTION! IF YOU ARE IN A FLOOD PRONE AREA, MOVE AWAY.
- **FLASH FLOOD WARNING:** TAKE ACTION! IF YOU ARE IN A FLOOD PRONE AREA, MOVE TO HIGH GROUND AT ONCE.

REMINDER:
EL NIÑO INFLUENCES CLIMATE PATTERNS, BUT DOESN'T CONTROL WHEN, WHERE OR THE STRENGTH OF INDIVIDUAL STORMS.

BE PROACTIVE BEFORE A STORM BY MAKING SURE YOUR EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT AND DISASTER PLAN ARE UP TO DATE. ENSURE YOU HAVE ENOUGH SUPPLIES FOR YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS & DON'T FORGET ABOUT YOUR PETS!

For more information:
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