



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

- Flood Preparedness -

SANTA BARBARA, Ca. January 21, 2010 – Due to the recent fires which burned much of the Santa Barbara front country, there is an increased likelihood of flooding in the fire area and downstream. The Santa Barbara County Fire Department is urging citizens to prepare now.

If you are in a low-lying area, watch out for flooding.

If you are on or near steep hills, watch out for mudslides, rocks or other debris.

If you are driving, reduce your speed, watch the road for rocks, mudslides and flooding.

Flood Notification Terms

Urban and Small Stream Flood Advisory - Alerts the public to flooding which is generally only an inconvenience and does not pose a threat to life and/or property. Issued when heavy rain will cause flooding of streets and low-lying places in urban areas, or if small rural or urban streams are expected to reach or exceed bank full.

Flash Flood Watch - Indicates that flash flooding is possible in and close to the watch area. Those in the affected area are urged to be ready to take quick action if a flash flood warning is issued or flooding is observed.

Flash Flood Warning - Signifies a dangerous situation where rapid flooding of small rivers, streams, creeks, or urban areas are imminent or already occurring. Very heavy rain that falls in a short time period can lead to flash flooding, depending on local terrain, ground cover, degree of urbanization, degree of man-made changes to river banks, and initial ground or river conditions.

Sand Bags can found at the following Santa Barbara County Locations:

North County / Santa Maria Road Yard located on Foster Road

Santa Ynez at Airport / County Fire Station 32

In Santa Barbara, Montecito and Goleta areas:

Sand and sand bags remain available at the following South County locations:

* County Fire Station 14, 320 N. Los Carneros in Goleta,

- * The County Yard at the Transfer Station, 4430 Calle Real
- * The Santa Barbara Botanical Garden Parking Lot
- * Montecito Fire Station 1, on San Ysidro Road
- * City of Santa Barbara Annex Yard, 401 E. Yanonali Street
- * County Fire Station 11 on Stork Road near Home Depot
- * City of Carpinteria Maintenance Yard located at 5775 Carpinteria Ave.
- * Carpinteria – Summerland Fire Station 2, located at 2375 Lilly Avenue

The Santa Barbara County Fire Department reminds people to be ready before a flood strikes.

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