

KERN COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO FLOOD DANGER

The National Weather Service and the Kern County Flood Plain Manager monitor the ground saturation levels throughout Kern County. If a flood is imminent, the alert will be broadcast. Immediate response will come from the Kern County Office of Emergency Services. If evacuation is deemed necessary, the Kern County Sheriff's Office will coordinate that effort with the County Fire Department's assistance. The Kern chapter of the American Red Cross in conjunction with the Kern County Department of Human Services will set up temporary shelters for the evacuees until it is safe for them to return home.



SANDBAG DISTRIBUTION LOCATIONS DURING A FLOOD

Wasco
Fire Station 31
2424 7th Street,
Wasco, 93280

Frazier Park
Fire Station 57
729 West End Dr,
Frazier Park, 93225

McFarland
Fire Station 33
700 W. Perkins Avenue,
McFarland, 93250

Pine Mountain
Fire Station 58
2420 Symopnds Drive,
Pine Mtn Club, 93222

Edison
Fire Station 45
11809 Edison Hwy,
Bakersfield, 93307

Lake Isabella
Fire Station 72
4500 Lake Isabella
Blvd, Lake Isabella,
93240

Lamont
Fire Station 51
8225 McKee Road,
Lamont, 93241

South Lake
Fire Station 71
9000 Navajo Avenue,
Weldon, 93283

Mettler
Fire Station 55
1801 Mettler Frontage
Road West,
Bakersfield, 93313

Ridgecrest
Fire Station 77
815 W. Dolphin Avenue,
Ridgecrest, 93555

Lebec
Fire Station 56
1548 Golden State
Hwy, Lebec, 93243

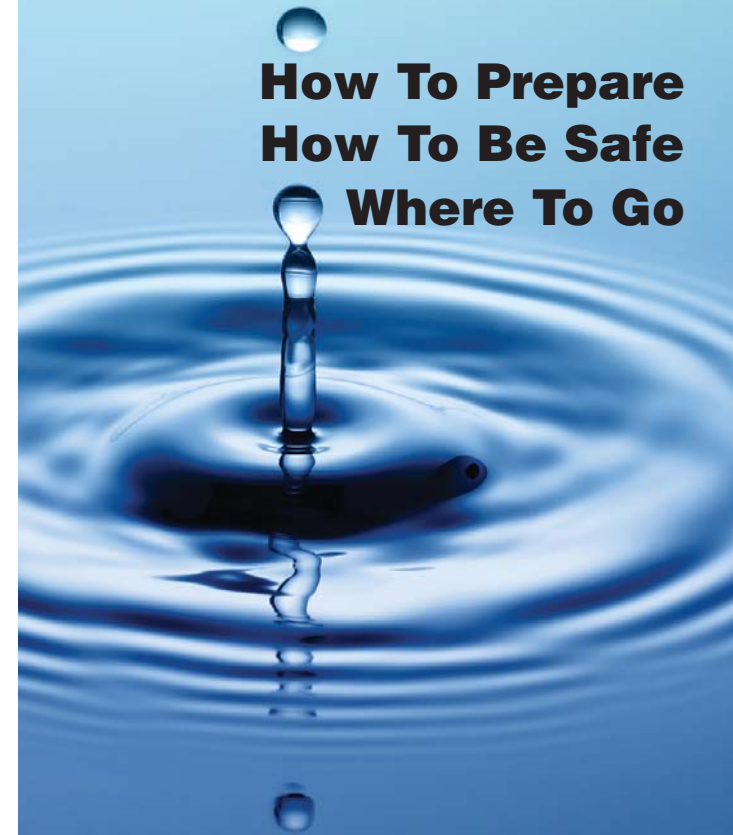
Tehachapi
Fire Station 12
800 South Curry St.,
Tehachapi, 93561

Citizens are encouraged to consider purchasing their own sandbags which should be stored unfilled and kept away from sunlight.

What You Should Know If There Is A Flood

Share This Guide With Your
Family and Neighbors

How To Prepare
How To Be Safe
Where To Go



GETTING READY BEFORE A FLOOD

Be Aware of Your Location

Be aware of flood hazards no matter where you live. Be alert if you live in low lying areas or near a runoff sump.

Understand These Terms

FLOOD WATCH : Flooding is possible. Listen and watch for TV and radio reports.

FLASH FLOOD WATCH : Flash flood is possible. Be ready to move to higher ground.

FLOOD WARNING : A flood is occurring. If advised to evacuate, do so.

FLASH FLOOD WARNING : A flash flood is occurring. Seek higher ground on foot **NOW**.

Help flood-proof Your Home

Elevate your furnace, electrical panel and water heater off of the ground.

Install check valves in sewer traps to keep back flow from home drains.

Seal exterior walls with waterproofing compound to avoid interior seepage.

Construct sandbag barriers to stop water from flooding into buildings.

DURING A FLOOD ALWAYS

Listen and watch for radio-television reports.

Be prepared to evacuate.

Expect power outages and no access to running tap water.

Have a household emergency kit available. It should include a battery operated weather radio.

See www.redcross.org

Review a plan to reunite with family members who may have been away before evacuation.

Have leashes or cages and your pet's food available in case your pet must move from the area.

If you are required to evacuate your home:

Lock and secure your dwelling's windows and doors.

Turn off your utilities at the main switches or valves.

Disconnect all electrical appliances in your home.

Rule of Thumb :

6 " of water will stall an engine
12 " of water will float a car
24 " of water can carry a vehicle away

DURING A FLOOD REMEMBER

NEVER :

Wait for someone to tell you to move to higher ground if there is a declared **FLASH FLOOD WARNING** announced in your area.

NEVER :

Try to touch electrical equipment if you are wet or if you are standing in water.

NEVER :

Attempt to walk through an area of running water.

NEVER :

Attempt to drive a car, truck or SUV in flooded areas.

