

# FACT SHEET: STORM PREPAREDNESS

## GET PREPARED BEFORE THE STORM

### PREPARE

Gather your emergency supply kit and disaster plan.

- Install and/or check the batteries on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- If you have a generator, ensure to put it at least 20 feet from home doors, windows, and vents. Do not operate a generator indoors.

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

#### Stay informed of changing weather conditions

- Stay indoors and avoid driving as much as possible. If driving is necessary, take emergency supplies with you and drive with extra caution.
- Do not drive or walk through moving water or flooded areas. TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN.
- If the power goes out, close off unused rooms to consolidate and retain heat.
- Bring pets inside.
- Stay tuned to local TV or radio stations to keep up to date on the situation and for changing conditions.
- Never use generators, outdoor cooking equipment, or gasoline or propane heaters indoors.

### AFTER

- 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.

### REMEMBER

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, contact County of San Luis Obispo Office of Emergency Services

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