



El Niño

Now is the time to prepare

IN AN EMERGENCY...

- Be prepared to leave immediately and make sure your car's gas tank is full if an emergency evacuation is ordered. Have alternate evacuation routes out of your neighborhood.
- Check on neighbors who may require special assistance, especially senior citizens, persons with disabilities and minors who are home alone.
- Make sure pets are indoors or have safe cover.
- Stay away from storm drain channels and any flooded areas.
- If you must drive, be cautious and allow extra time for travel. California law requires that headlights must be turned on whenever windshield wipers are in use.
- If you are driving and see flooded roads ahead, turn around. About 80 percent of all flood-related deaths occur when drivers try to navigate flowing water.
- Stay home if possible until the weather situation improves. Some roads may be impassable due to fallen trees and/or downed power lines.
- Stay clear of downed power lines and anything touching them. Always assume that a power line is live and hazardous. Downed cable and telephone wires can also be hazardous.

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency..... 911

City of La Verne

Police Department..... (909) 596-1913

Fire Department..... (909) 596-5991

Public Works..... (909) 596-8741

Customer Service (Water Dept.)..... (909) 596-8744

Southern California Edison..... (800) 684-8123

Southern California Gas Company..... (800) 427-2200

Waste Management..... (909) 599-1274

Sandbags

Free sandbags and sand are available at the following locations:

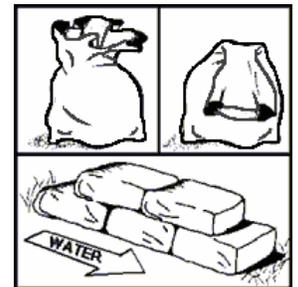
Fire Station 1	2061 Third Street
Fire Station 3	5100 Esperanza Drive

The fire stations are open 24 hours a day should you have an emergency and require sandbags. The bags are **not** prefilled with sand. Residents will have to fill the sandbags with the available sand. It is suggested to bring your own shovel to avoid having to wait.

Free sandbag supplies are limited. Residents may purchase additional sandbags at Orchard Supply Hardware, Home Depot and Lowes.

Filling and Placement of Sandbags

- Fill sandbags one-half full. Sand is preferable, however, if not available use dirt. Fold top of sandbag down and rest bag on its folded top.
- Place sandbags as shown below, completing each layer prior to starting the next layer. Limit placement to two layers unless sandbags are pyramided. It is important to place the bags with the folded top of the bag in the upstream or uphill direction to prevent the



- bags from opening when water runs by them.
- Sandbags will not seal out water. Sandbags deteriorate when exposed for several months to continued wetting and drying. Sandbags are intended for low-flow protection (up to two feet).