



City of Hesperia

Gateway to the High Desert

The City of Hesperia along with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. (NOAA) and FEMA Offer Flood Safety Tips for Flood Safety Awareness

Although rare in the Victor Valley, floodwaters can be swift, powerful and, at times deadly. However, advanced planning can protect lives and minimize property losses due to flooding. With April showers and the Monsoon Season quickly approaching, the City of Hesperia, NOAA and FEMA would like to provide you with the following information to keep your family and home safe.

The National Weather, (NWS), along with FEMA's FloodSmart program, has launched a new Web page – <http://www.floodsmart.gov> - that shows the effects and cost of flooding to millions of people. The site provides essential information on what to know and do before, during and after a flood, as well as a variety of safety tips and online tools.

"Floods claim nearly 100 lives and costs billions in property damage in the United States annually," states Jack Hayes, Director of NOAA National Weather Service. While the City of Hesperia isn't affected by an excessive number of rain storms, heavy rains are a possibility anytime of the year. Many lives and properties can be saved by following some simple and essential flood safety tips.

Understand Your Risk

One way to learn about flood risk is by visiting the National Weather Service's Advance Hydrologic Prediction Service Web site at: <http://www.weather.gov/water>. Click on San Diego, (the City's Weather Support Area) to learn about changing weather conditions.

Know What to Do

Seek information and preparedness tips so that you will know what to do if you are suddenly caught up in a flood. Obtain preparedness information from the City's Emergency Operations Department. Visit the recommended Web resources:

- City of Hesperia: www.cityofhesperia.us
- National Weather Service Flood Safety: www.weather.gov/floodsafety
- National Weather Service Turn Around Don't Drown: www.weather.gov/tadd
- FEMA's FloodSmart: www.FloodSmart.gov

Take Action

As with any type of potential disaster, consider what steps you can take now and what steps you will need to take if your home or business floods. Know what you will need to do if you encounter flooding while driving or outdoors. Here are some tips:

Now:

If you live in an area that could possibly flood:

- Create an evacuation plan before flooding occurs.
- Discuss flood plans with your family; everyone should know what to do in case family members are not together when a flood occurs.
- Consider purchasing flood insurance; talk to your insurance agent about your coverage options.

When Floods Strike:

- Receive up-to-date flood information by visiting the City's website: www.cityofhesperia.us
- Evacuate immediately, if advised to do so.
- Turn around if a road is flooded. It may be more dangerous than it appears.
- Keep emergency supplies on hand, such as non-perishable food, medicine, maps, a flashlight, battery operated radio, and first-aid kit.



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