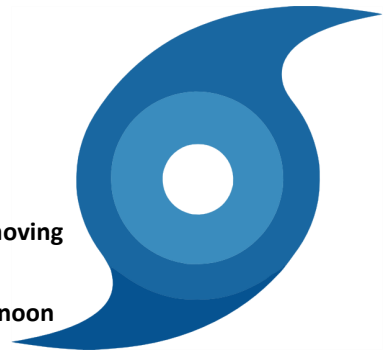


Emergency Preparedness For Hurricane Hilary



As you may have heard, there is a category 3 hurricane scheduled to hit Baja California Peninsula and moving into Southern California Sunday into Monday with heavy rain, winds, possible flooding.

In Southern California a flood watch is into effect for all Ventura and Los Angeles Counties Sunday afternoon into Monday evening.

Hurricanes and tropical storms are rotating storms that form over warm waters. These storms bring high winds, heavy rain, storm surge (rise in water level), flooding and tornadoes. Climate change has caused hurricanes to strengthen faster and bring heavier rainfall. The most common cause of death during a hurricane is from drowning. These storms are dangerous and can damage places far inland. But we can take action to prepare. Prepare now to protect yourself, your loved ones and your home.

What to Do: Before

- Determine your best protection from high winds and flooding.
- Have a plan to evacuate and a plan to shelter safely.
- Take time now to gather the supplies and knowledge you will need when the storm arrives.
- Have sandbags ready.
- Clean rain gutters to avoid flooding.

What to Do: During

- If local authorities advise you to evacuate, go right away.
- Never walk, swim, or drive through floodwater. Remember, Turn Around! Don't Drown

What to Do: After

- Stay safe
- Due to the high wind, downed trees and power lines are likely to occur. Residents can report these hazards to the Ventura County Fire Department by calling 805-388-4279.



For More Information:

For updates on this developing storm	National Weather Service National Hurricane Center.
For incident information	VC Emergency website
To receive emergency notifications	VC Alert