



# City of Malibu News

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## **City Activates Winter Storm Plan in Response to Heavy Rain Forecast**

(Malibu, CA) – The City of Malibu has activated its winter storm plan in anticipation of heavy rain, strong winds and potential flooding and mudslides brought by a storm expected to hit the Malibu area Monday and Tuesday, January 8 and 9.

“I’d like to remind motorists to be cautious on the roads during the storm, since we’ll have slick roads, less visibility, and possible debris and flooding. Road crews will be out doing maintenance work to keep it safe for us,” said Mayor Skylar Peak. “Residents should make sure their gutters and drains are cleared, monitor the local news, and watch for alerts from the City and other agencies.”

The National Weather Service has issued a flash flood warning and wind advisory for the area of Los Angeles County including Malibu from Monday, January 8, 10:00 PM through Tuesday, January 9, 10:00 PM. The storm will bring a period of moderate to heavy rainfall to the region with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms through Tuesday evening. Rainfall rates in excess of one-half to an inch per hour are possible during the peak of the storm.

This storm has a strong potential to cause flash flooding across the area, which may result in mud and debris flows. Any areas that recently experienced fires, such as Topanga Canyon, are particularly vulnerable to mud and debris flows.

The City’s Public Works Department has pre-staged additional vehicles and work crews in several locations across the length of the City to shorten the response times in case roads need to be cleared of debris.

All drainage culverts have been cleared and will be monitored throughout the storm to ensure runoff water does not back up and cover PCH or other roads.

Public Works staff and contract personnel are patrolling streets across Malibu monitoring for flooding, debris and land movement.

The storm could also knock down trees, branches and power lines and cause power outages. Never approach or touch downed power lines. If you see downed power lines, call 9-1-1. To report flooding, downed trees or other storm-related issues on City-controlled roadways, call City Hall during office hours at 310-456-2489 or call Malibu’s One Call to City Hall line after hours at 310-456-2489 ext. 311. On private roads, residents should contact their Homeowner Association or may be responsible to have a private contractor respond.

Sandbags are available at all Malibu Fire Stations, as well as at Zuma Beach. Pre-filled sandbags are not available at all stations, so residents should bring shovels to fill the bags. Empty bags are limited to 25 per person; filled bags are limited to 10 per person.

- L.A. County Fire Department Station 70 (PCH at Carbon Canyon Road)
- L.A. County Fire Department Station 88 (Malibu Road at Webb Way)
- L.A. County Fire Department Station 71 (PCH at Zumirez Drive)
- L.A. County Fire Department Lifeguard Headquarters at Zuma Beach
- L.A. County Fire Department Station 99 (PCH at Encinal Canyon Road)

The use and sale of plastic sandbags are prohibited in Malibu by the City's sandbag ordinance. Jute or burlap sandbags are allowed. For more information on the ordinance, visit <https://www.MalibuCity.org/SandBagBan>.

For updates on storm conditions and incidents, monitor:

- National Weather Service – website - <http://www.weather.gov/lox>.  
Twitter - <https://twitter.com/NWSLosAngeles>.
- Los Angeles County Fire Department - Twitter - <https://twitter.com/LACoFDPIO>.
- Los Angeles County Public Works – Twitter - <https://twitter.com/lacopublicworks>.
- Caltrans District 7 – Twitter - <https://twitter.com/CaltransDist7>.
- Los Angeles County Lifeguard Division – Twitter - <https://twitter.com/LACoLifeguards>.
- Local news - Radio Malibu KBUU 99.1 FM, KNX AM 1070.

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