



# City of Malibu

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## 2023-24 Winter Preparedness Checklist

On September 6, 2023, the California Coastal Commission presented on an emerging El Niño event that is likely to influence weather and coastal conditions in California during the winter of 2023-2024. The City encourages early preparedness such as repair and maintenance for the upcoming winter season.

- Slopes:** Inspect all sloped areas for signs of erosion gullies, surface cracks, and slumping. Inspect buildings, patios, retaining walls, and garden walls for signs of cracking or rotation, which may indicate slope movement has occurred. If signs of slope movement are observed, the property owner may consider contacting a California-licensed geologist or geotechnical engineer for a site inspection.
- Bare Ground:** Inspect large bare areas that may be sources for mudflows during a storm event. Consider covering or vegetating bare areas prior to the storm season. Consider covering and securing mounds of loose soil or fill material.
- Drains and Gutters:** Visually inspect and remove debris from retaining wall drains, surface drains, culverts, and gutters prior to the storm season. Storm water runoff should be directed into appropriate drainage control areas to avoid excessive soil saturation.
- Structures:** Visually inspect all structures, including seawalls, revetments, and bulkheads, for signs of distress, loss of material, obstructed drainage, or exposed reinforcing steel, prior to the storm season and after every storm. If significant problems are observed, the property owner may consider contacting a California-licensed engineer for maintenance suggestions.
- Roofs:** Visually inspect roofs, or hire a roofing contractor, to check for loose tiles, holes, or other signs of distress.
- Sandbags:** Malibu residents can pick up free sandbags by providing proof of residency to local Los Angeles County Fire Stations, while supplies last. Note that plastic or plastic-based sandbags are banned in Malibu. Only first responders may use plastic sandbags for emergency purposes as needed to abate the emergency until other means of protection can be employed.

Call the fire station/location below for availability of sand and sandbags

- Fire Station #70: 3970 Carbon Canyon Road, 310-456-2513
- Fire Station #71: 28722 W. Pacific Coast Highway, 310-457-2578
- Fire Station #88: 23720 W. Malibu Road, 310-456-2812
- Fire Station #99: 32550 Pacific Coast Highway, 310-457-3706

**Additional Preparedness Questions:** If, after taking prudent steps to prepare your property for winter storms, you have questions about slope stability, flooding, mudflows, or erosion, please contact the Geology department during counter hours (Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM) or email [mbuilding@malibucity.org](mailto:mbuilding@malibucity.org).



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