

MARICOPA COUNTY STORM NOTIFICATION

January 5, 2016

Several storms continue to move across Maricopa County this afternoon through Friday. As early as tomorrow morning, localized rainfall may lead to runoff in area washes and water ponding on roadways.

As these storms arrive, residents are encouraged to stay informed and be prepared in case you need to protect your home or evacuate. Never drive through flooded roadways.

Maricopa County remains diligent in its efforts to ensure the community is prepared. Our Flood Control District maintains 321 precipitation gages and operates 38 real-time weather stations throughout the Maricopa County region. These devices measure the amount and timing of rainfall along with different combinations of temperature, humidity, and wind speed/direction which is available at <http://alert.fcd.maricopa.gov/alert/Google/v3/gmap.html>. This data is used to issue storm alerts and inform local jurisdictions and public safety officials to take necessary action.

- **Stay informed.** Keep tuned to local radio and TV stations and weather websites:
 - Sign-up to [receive weather alerts](#)
 - Visit this website to stay informed during a significant storm
 - Current weather conditions can be found at www.weather.gov
- **Create a family plan** to stay in touch with your family and friends in the event of a flood (or any disaster).
 - Don't forget medicines and special-needs items.
 - Choose a meeting place in case you get separated.
 - Plan for your pet's needs.
- **Put together a "grab and go" emergency kit** that includes food, water and first-aid supplies.
 - For home: Generators, cash, gas storage for vehicles. Three days of water and food, first-aid kit, radio, and mobile device chargers. Store important documents, zip drives, money, and cell phone in waterproof Ziploc bags.
 - For your car: Extra gas, a blanket, window breaking hammer. Check your tire treads and windshield wipers, consider replacement if needed.
- **Stay off the road** during and after storms. Road closure information can be found at www.mcdot.maricopa.gov.
- **Prepare your home** by keeping some basic supplies on hand.
 - Keep sandbags, plywood, and plastic sheeting around to protect from floodwaters and to make quick repairs after a severe storm.
 - Elevate the air conditioner, furnace, water heater, electric panel and other valuables above the anticipated flood elevation. Work with professional plumbers and electricians to ensure this is done properly.

- **Consider buying flood insurance** because flood damage is not typically covered by homeowners' policies. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) offers flood insurance, which can be purchased through the insurance agent who handles your homeowners' policy. Note: There is a 30-day waiting period for a policy to go into effect.

For additional storm preparation information, visit www.ready.gov/floods, or the [Arizona Emergency Information Network](#).

Sign-up to receive Maricopa County news and alerts at:
<https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/AZMARIC/subscriber/new>

FLOOD RESOURCE PHONE NUMBERS AND WEB SITES

Incorporated Cities & Towns: For information about local resources and conditions including road closures, please contact your local community by clicking on a link below, or visit this city and town Flood Resources link: www.bit.ly/sandbagsmc .

Apache Junction: www.ajcity.net	Sun City: www.suncityaz.org
Avondale: www.Avondale.org	Surprise: www.surpriseaz.org
Buckeye: www.buckeyeaz.gov	Tempe: www.tempe.gov
Carefree: www.carefree.org	Tolleson: www.tollesonaz.org
Cave Creek: www.cavecreek.org	Wickenburg: www.ci.wickenburg.az.us
Chandler: www.chandleraz.gov	Youngtown: www.youngtownaz.org
El Mirage: www.cityofelmirage.org	Scottsdale: www.scottsdaleaz.gov
Fountain Hills: www.fh.az.gov	Queen Creek: www.queencreek.org
Gila Bend: www.gilabendaz.org	Phoenix: www.phoenix.gov
Gilbert: www.gilbertaz.gov	Peoria: www.peoriaaz.gov
Glendale: www.glendaleaz.com	Mesa: www.mesaaz.gov
Guadalupe: www.guadalupeaz.org	Goodyear: www.goodyearaz.gov
Paradise Valley: www.ci.paradise-valley.az.us	
Litchfield Park: www.litchfield-park.org	

OTHER FLOOD RESOURCES:

Maricopa County Emergency Management	www.maricopa.gov/emerg_mgt
Flood Control District of Maricopa County	www.fcd.maricopa.gov
Maricopa County Department of Transportation	www.mcdot.maricopa.gov
ADOT	www.azdot.gov
APS	www.aps.com
SRP	www.srpnet.com
SRP EMERGENCIAS (602) 236-8811	srpnet.com/safety/emergency.aspx
FEMA	www.fema.gov
FEMA Flood Smart	www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart

For more information about preparing for floods, www.fcd.maricopa.gov/faq.aspx, the National Weather Service www.nws.noaa.gov, or www.floodsmart.gov.

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County is tasked to provide regional flood hazard identification, regulation, and protection to Maricopa County residents and businesses so that they can reduce their risk of injury, death, and property damage from flooding, while still enjoying the natural and beneficial values served by floodplains.