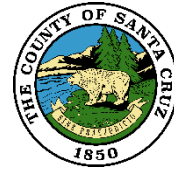


# Flood Safety

Source: National Weather Service Messages



- The National Weather Service has declared a Flash Flood Watch. A Flash Flood Watch means that a flood is possible in your area.
- The National Weather Service has declared a Flash Flood Warning. A Flash Flood Warning means that a flood is already occurring or will occur very soon.

## Flood Safety Tips

- Don't drive through floodwaters or around barricades. Only a few inches of water can sweep your vehicle off the road.
- If you encounter a flooded roadway, turn around and take another route. Roads underneath may be damaged and impassable.
- Do not let children or pets play near flood control channels or detention basins. Floodwater is filled with hazardous materials such as chemical spills, sewage and pet waste.
- Stay out of standing floodwater. The dirty water can disguise hazards below the surface, such as deep holes and dangerous debris.
- Even if your street is flooded, do not attempt to pull a sewer manhole cover open. That would likely cause a sewer line stoppage that can damage your property or your neighbor's property.
- In a flood, move to higher ground. Be aware of drainage channels and other areas known to flood suddenly.
- If a flood watch is issued, prepare to evacuate. Take your disaster supply kit with you.
- After a flood, stay away from downed power lines and designated disaster areas.
- Return home only when authorities indicate it is safe.