

*The Santa Monica Mountains and Coast are prone to wildfires, mudslides, and other disasters. Please be prepared and know what to do in an emergency!*

## **WILDFIRES**

### **Preventing Fires**

- Remove leaves and vegetation from roofs.
- Keep your area clean: no litter under trees and shrubs, remove all dead wood.
- Eucalyptus, palms and pines are especially flammable. Remove dead leaves and limbs, etc. from your immediate area.

NO open fires on windy or hot days, or in dry washes or creek beds. Open fires under these conditions are extreme fire hazards and can easily start wildfires.

### **During a Fire**

- Get out as fast as possible, away from the fire and follow the directions from Sheriff and Fire Department personnel
- Keep pets on leashes or in carriers. Make sure they have a collar with a tag with the pet's name and a good contact number for you.

### **After a Fire**

- Don't return to the area before it is declared safe by local officials.
- Once the smoke clears from the wildfire, the danger is not over: Burned hillsides in creeks become prone to flooding, even from a small rainfall.

### **More fire prevention: PROPANE TANK DISPOSAL**

Ensure the propane cylinder is empty by following these instructions:

1. Attach the EMPTY cylinder to an appliance
2. In an outdoor, well ventilated area, open the control valve of the appliance and light the burner(s).
3. Operate the appliance until the flame completely extinguishes
4. Turn the appliance control valve off and let the appliance cool.
5. Detach the EMPTY cylinder.

Propane tanks can be recycled for free on the third Saturday of every other month at:

Malibu City Hall -- Upper Parking Lot  
23825 Stuart Ranch Road  
(310) 456-2489.  
10: 00 AM -- 2:00 PM

2018 . Dates: February 17, April 21, June 16, August 18, October 20, December -- TBA

## **STORMS, FLOODS, AND MUDSLIDES**

Pay special attention if you're near a creek or live above or below a steep hillside!

### **Before a Flood**

- Check the safety of your belongings in case of a flood or a mudslide. Move to higher or more protected ground if necessary.
- Check drains or drainages to see if they are blocked. If blocked, notified the County Department of Public Works at 1-800-675-HELP (4357).
- If water or mud need to be diverted, filled sandbags before it rains. Sandbags are available at your local fire stations:

Station 71	Station 88	Station 70	Station 69
28722 West PCH	23720 W. Malibu Rd.	3970 Carbon Cyn. Rd.	401 S. Topanga Cyn. Blvd.

### **During a Flood**

- Do not cross rapidly flowing streams until the water recedes. Most streams will go down in a couple of hours, once it stops raining.
- "TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN"

### **After a Flood**

- Mudslides and floods may continue to occur several days after the rain stops.
- Don't return to the area until it is declared safe by local officials.
- Check hillsides for slope movement, settling, and water damage. Move to higher or more stable ground if necessary.

## **EARTHQUAKES**

### **During an Earthquake**

- If outdoors, get into an open area away from trees, buildings, walls, and power lines
- If in a crowded place, do not rush for the doors. Crouch and cover your head and neck with your hands and arms.

### **After an Earthquake**

- Stay away from downed power lines and warned others to stay away.
- Cooperate fully with public safety officials and follow instructions.
- Be prepared for aftershocks -- stay calm and help others.

## **EXTREME WEATHER**

### **Heat**

When temperatures are high, prolonged sun exposure can cause dehydration, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heatstroke.

- Wear light, loose fitting clothing.
- Drink water or sports drinks often. Avoid drinking alcohol!
- During peak heat hours stay in an air-conditioned area. Shopping malls, parks, and libraries are good places to stay cool.
- Avoid unnecessary exertion.
- Stay out of the sun if possible. When in the sun, wear a hat with a wide brim.

## **TSUNAMIS**

Tsunamis can occur from both local and distant earthquakes. A tsunami is a giant wave that can travel across the open ocean at great speeds and become deadly in the shallow water of a shoreline. Coastal areas are most likely to be flooded. After an earthquake, listen to a radio for a tsunami warning and be ready to evacuate immediately to higher ground.

## **DISASTER ASSISTANCE INFORMATION**

- After a disaster, the American Red Cross and other volunteer agencies will provide food, water, and clothing to the best of their availability.
- Pets are not permitted in public emergency shelters. Contact your local emergency management office, animal shelter or humane society for more information on sheltering pets during and after a disaster.