

2011 Flood Outlook How to Prepare Before It Rains



Be Informed

[Watch the City TV-18 Flood Preparedness Information](#) (Informational video from October 2009)

Meeting Online Broadcast for information on City and County flood planning efforts and how individuals and families can prepare for flood emergencies.

Know Flood Terms and Definitions

Flood/Flash Flood Watch: Expected rainfall could cause creeks, streams, and/or rivers to overflow. Conditions create a threat of flooding but the occurrence is not certain or imminent.

Flood Warning: Main rivers or important creeks are expected to reach or exceed flood stage. Flooding is imminent and there could be a serious threat to life or property near major creeks.

Flash Flood Warning: Flooding caused by heavy or excessive rainfall in a short period of time is occurring or imminent. Flash flood warnings can be issued as a result of torrential rains, a dam failure, or ice jam. Debris Flow: A form of rapid mass movement in which a combination of loose soil, rock, and organic matter, air, and water mobilize as a slurry that flows downslope.

Know Your Neighborhood's Risk

[Arroyo Burro/San Roque Upper](#)

[San Roque Area](#)

[Mission—Stanwood Area](#)

[Mission – Westside Area](#)

[Upper Sycamore Area](#)

[Lower Sycamore Area](#)

[Santa Barbara City 100-Year Flood Map](#)

[Santa Barbara County Flood Zone](#)

Prevent and Respond to Property Flooding

[County Flood Control Homeowners Guide for Flood Prevention and Response](#)

