NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

EL NIÑO IS COMING. BE STORM READY.

A very strong El Niño is forecast this winter — expect a wetter, stormier season.

El Niño is a warm-ocean pattern, not a storm, and it doesn't guarantee heavy rain everywhere. But it tilts the odds toward prolonged rain, flash flooding, and clogged drains — so a little prep now goes a long way.

RAIN EVENTS

- Check your gutters and the storm drains around your unit. If blocked, submit a work order or call the office.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full.
- Turn around, don't drown: never drive through floodwater or around barricades.

SANDBAGS

- Up to 10 per household, while supplies last.
- **City Yard**, 20500 Madrona Ave. Mon–Thu 3–4 pm; alt. Fridays 2–3 pm. Call (310) 781-6900 first.
- **Fire Station 1**, 1701 Crenshaw Blvd. Confirm first.
- Or call the PMP office to ask if any are on hand.

POWER OUTAGES

- Keep phones charged; limit use during outages.
- Outage alerts: SCE.com/outage-center.
- On medical devices? Enroll in a medical baseline program.
- Have backup lighting ready: solar or battery-powered.

HIGH WINDS

- Secure loose items, like umbrellas and retractable awnings.
- Check for tree limbs touching your building or windows. Submit a work order to have them trimmed before the storm.
- Stay indoors; avoid driving if possible.

Two ways neighbors can help

1. Spot a drain or flooding problem? Tell your Area Captain or submit a PMP Pal work order — before the first storm.

2. Know a neighbor who can't haul sandbags? Let your Area Captain know who may need a hand, especially older or mobility-limited residents.

TorranceAlerts

myTorranceCA app

Scan to stay informed. Register for TorranceAlerts for emergency notices by phone, text, or email. Use the myTorranceCA app to report problems to the City.

BUILD YOUR KIT

Check off what you already have. Then add the rest one item at a time — no need to buy it all at once.

LIGHT & POWER

- [ ] Flashlights + extra batteries (one per room)
- [ ] Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- [ ] Portable phone charger, kept charged
- [ ] LED candles or solar lanterns (charged by sun)

WATER & FOOD

- [ ] Water: 1 gallon per person per day, 3 days
- [ ] 3 days of non-perishable food, easy-open cans + manual can opener

HEALTH

- [ ] Medications + a written list of names and doses
- [ ] Spare batteries for hearing aids; spare glasses
- [ ] Backup plan for any medical device that needs power
- [ ] First-aid kit

PAPERS & COMFORT

- [ ] Waterproof bag with ID, insurance cards, key papers
- [ ] Paper list of emergency & neighbor contact #s
- [ ] Small bills in cash
- [ ] Warm blanket, rain poncho, sturdy non-slip shoes
- [ ] Space heater: “Always plug directly into outlet”
- [ ] Sandbags from the City

CLEAR IT. STOCK IT. LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER.

Information from the City of Torrance "Be Storm Ready" flyer and the National Weather Service El Niño guide (mid-Sept 2026). Questions: TorranceCA@TorranceCA.Gov.
Organized by neighbors, for neighbors.