

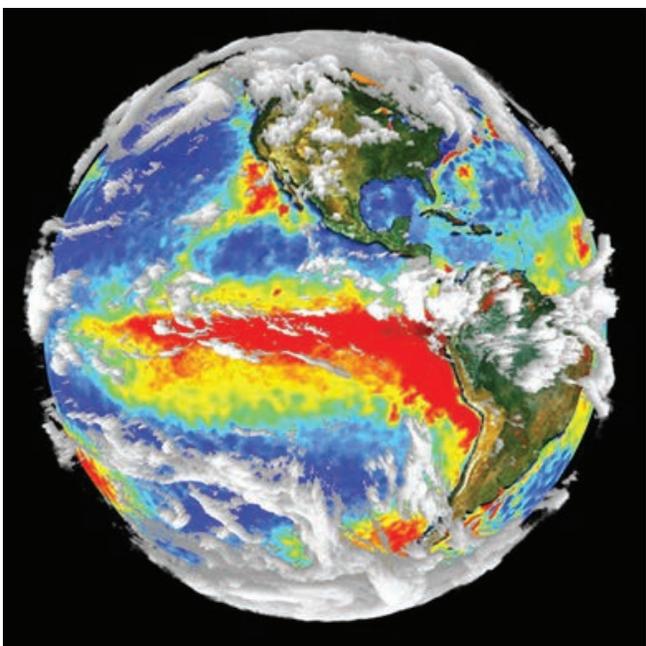
# El Niño 2015

## Now is the time to prepare



# City of Manhattan Beach

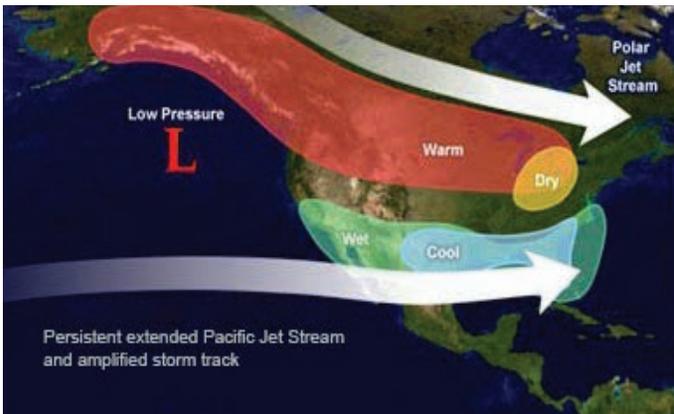




## About El Niño

When strong El Niño conditions exist, there is a higher probability of increased rainfall along the coast of California. The increased rainfall can result in heavier than normal runoff, causing regional and large-scale flooding.

However, it is difficult to predict how strong this winter's El Niño could become, and the effects storms may have on the West Coast. So it is important to be aware of the possible impacts from an El Niño winter and plan accordingly.



## BE PREPARED-STAY INFORMED



To sign up for Nixel by texting 888777 and then enter your zip code to receive updates in Manhattan Beach.

Follow the City of Manhattan Beach:



For parents and students of Manhattan Beach schools watch school messenger for notices and updates. Phone: 310.318.7345

## Create an emergency kit including the following items:



- Food and water to last three days to a week. Don't forget the pets.
- First aid kit
- Flashlights (and extra batteries)
- Radio (and extra batteries)
- Medications (over-the-counter and prescription)
- Cash and important documents
- Clothing and sturdy shoes
- Tools (wrench, duct tape, fire extinguisher, sturdy gloves, whistle)
- Sanitation and hygiene supplies

## Know how to get help



### Road closures

Be aware of road closures and avoid flooded areas - for updates check NIXLE



### Sandbags

Obtain sandbags before you need them. Sandbags are available at:  
 Fire Station 1, 400 15th St.  
 Fire Station 2, 1400 Manhattan Beach Blvd.  
 City Yard, 3621 Bell Ave.



### Weather conditions

Check with the National Weather Service for storm advisories. [www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox)



### Beach closures

Heavy rainfall can lead to higher bacteria levels in the ocean. Get the latest information on beach conditions by calling (800) 525-5662 or on the Public Health website: [www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/eh/water\\_quality/beach\\_grades.cfm](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/eh/water_quality/beach_grades.cfm)



### Downed Wires

**Stay Away.** Do not approach or touch any persons or object in contact with the wire. **Call 911.**



## In an emergency...

- ☑ Monitor radio and TV news closely for information about weather conditions, flooding in your area and safety precautions being advised.
- ☑ Be prepared to leave immediately if an evacuation is ordered. Have alternate evacuation routes out of your neighborhood.
- ☑ Stay away from flood channels. You could be knocked off your feet in as little as six inches of water.
- ☑ Don't try to cross flooded areas and never enter moving water. Turn around—don't drown.
- ☑ Floodwaters pick up sewage and chemicals from roads, farms and factories. If your home has been flooded, protect your family's health by cleaning up right away. Throw out food and medicine that may have been contaminated.
- ☑ Stay away from steep slopes that may become unstable when saturated.
- ☑ Never touch a downed power line, which can cause serious injury or death. Call 9-1-1 to report it.
- ☑ Avoid tilted trees, telephone poles, fences or walls, and new holes or bare spots on hillsides.
- ☑ If trapped in your vehicle, stay with it. If possible, relocate to the hood if water continues to rise.
- ☑ Be alert when driving. Roads may become blocked or closed due to hazards.



## Is your home ready for El Niño?

Walk around your home and look for anything that might cause problems during a storm. Such as:

- Clean rain gutters of leaves and debris. Re-check after rain and wind events.
- Trim any trees that may come into contact with your home or power lines.
- Prune large trees that may fall over after heavy rain.
- If your property has low spots that rely on pumps to remove storm water, ensure they are clear of debris and the pumps operate properly.
- If you live near storm drains check them periodically. Notify Public Works (310) 802-5313 (during weekday business hours), or (310) 219-3870 (after-hours and weekends).
- Stay informed of weather conditions.
- Keep flashlights and spare batteries in every room of your home.
- Have 72 hours of food, water and medication.
- Make sure your pets are safe during storms.
- Review your homeowner's policy and check to see if it covers flood.

