

MARICOPA COUNTY STORM NOTIFICATION

August 8, 2016

Beginning Tuesday, August 9th through Thursday the 11th, weather changes are in store as a deep influx of tropical moisture is poised to move north into Arizona. The main cause is tropical storm Javier, currently moving off the southern tip of Baja, Mexico. Moisture shed from the system-combined with a developing trough to the west-will likely lead to an active weather period beginning Tuesday afternoon-lasting through Thursday. After an initial round of storms Tuesday afternoon and evening, an increasing threat for heavy rainfall and flash flooding will be a concern during the overnight hours Tuesday and through Wednesday.

- **Stay informed.** Keep tuned to local radio and TV stations and weather websites:
 - Sign-up here to [receive weather alerts](#)
 - Current weather conditions can be found at www.weather.gov
 - Current rain gage levels can be found at www.fcd.maricopa.gov
- **Create a family plan** to stay in touch with your family and friends in the event of a flood (or any disaster).
 - Don't forget medicines and special-needs items.
 - Choose a meeting place in case you get separated.
 - Plan for your pet's needs.
- **Put together a "grab and go" emergency kit** that includes food, water and first-aid supplies.
 - For home: Generators, cash, gas storage for vehicles. Three days of water and food, first-aid kit, radio, and mobile device chargers. Store important documents, zip drives, money, and cell phone in waterproof Ziploc bags.
 - For your car: Extra gas, a blanket, window breaking hammer. Check your tire treads and windshield wipers, consider replacement if needed.
- **Stay off the road** during and after storms. Road closure information can be found at www.mcdot.maricopa.gov.
- **Prepare your home** by keeping some basic supplies on hand.
 - Keep sandbags, plywood, and plastic sheeting around to protect from floodwaters and to make quick repairs after a severe storm.
 - Elevate the air conditioner, furnace, water heater, electric panel and other valuables above the anticipated flood elevation. Work with professional plumbers and electricians to ensure this is done properly.
- **Consider buying flood insurance** because flood damage is not typically covered by homeowners' policies. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) offers flood insurance, which can be purchased through the insurance agent who handles your homeowners' policy. Note: There is a 30-day waiting period for a policy to go into effect.
- **WATCH these quick videos for storm preparedness tips:**

Protect Your Property & Family
<https://youtu.be/lqg-XoGTq-c>

Stay Informed About the Weather
<https://youtu.be/WDmUilatv4A>

Do You Need Flood Insurance?
<https://youtu.be/0xe0NyywofY>

How to Make & Use Sandbags
<https://youtu.be/IZDwg9AOWLA>

It's Monsoon Season: Floods Happen
https://youtu.be/N4MCodKX_I8

Turn Around, Don't Drown!
https://youtu.be/F2_s-ucIBcw

The Monsoon is Here/Prepare
<https://youtu.be/LailRg82iZo>

Maricopa County remains diligent in its efforts to ensure the community is prepared. Our Flood Control District maintains 321 precipitation gages and operates 38 real-time weather stations throughout the Maricopa County region. These devices measure the amount and timing of rainfall along with different combinations of temperature, humidity, and wind speed/direction which is available at <http://alert.fcd.maricopa.gov/alert/Google/v3/gmap.html>. This data is used to issue storm alerts and inform local jurisdictions and public safety officials to take necessary action.

Sign-up to receive Maricopa County news and alerts at:
<https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/AZMARIC/subscriber/new>

FLOOD RESOURCE PHONE NUMBERS AND WEB SITES

Incorporated Cities & Towns: For information about local resources and road conditions and closures, please contact your local community by clicking on a link below.

Apache Junction: www.ajcity.net

Avondale: www.Avondale.org

Buckeye: www.buckeyeaz.gov

Carefree: www.carefree.org

Cave Creek: www.cavecreek.org

Chandler: www.chandleraz.gov

El Mirage: www.cityofelmirage.org

Fountain Hills: www.fh.az.gov

Gila Bend: www.gilabendaz.org

Gilbert: www.gilbertaz.gov

Glendale: www.glendaleaz.com

Guadalupe: www.guadalupeaz.org

Paradise Valley: www.ci.paradise-valley.az.us

Litchfield Park: www.litchfield-park.org

Sun City: www.suncityaz.org

Surprise: www.surpriseaz.org

Tempe: www.tempe.gov

Tolleson: www.tollesonaz.org

Wickenburg: www.ci.wickenburg.az.us

Youngtown: www.youngtownaz.org

Scottsdale: www.scottsdaleaz.gov

Queen Creek: www.queencreek.org

Phoenix: www.phoenix.gov

Peoria: www.peoriaaz.gov

Mesa: www.mesaaz.gov

Goodyear: www.goodyearaz.gov

OTHER FLOOD RESOURCES:

Maricopa County Emergency Management
Flood Control District of Maricopa County
Maricopa County Department of Transportation
ADOT
APS
SRP
SRP EMERGENCIES(602) 236-8811
FEMA
FEMA Flood Smart

www.maricopa.gov/emerg_mgt
www.fcd.maricopa.gov
www.mcdot.maricopa.gov
www.azdot.gov
www.aps.com
www.srpnet.com
srpnet.com/safety/emergency.aspx
www.fema.gov
www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart

For more information about preparing for possible flooding, please visit: www.fcd.maricopa.gov/faq.aspx, the National Weather Service www.nws.noaa.gov, www.ready.gov/floods, or the [Arizona Emergency Information Network](http://ArizonaEmergencyInformationNetwork).

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County helps residents reduce their risk of injury, death, and property damage from flooding, while still enjoying the natural and beneficial features of floodplains. Learn more about the FCD by visiting www.FCD.Maricopa.Gov, or call (602) 768-3500.