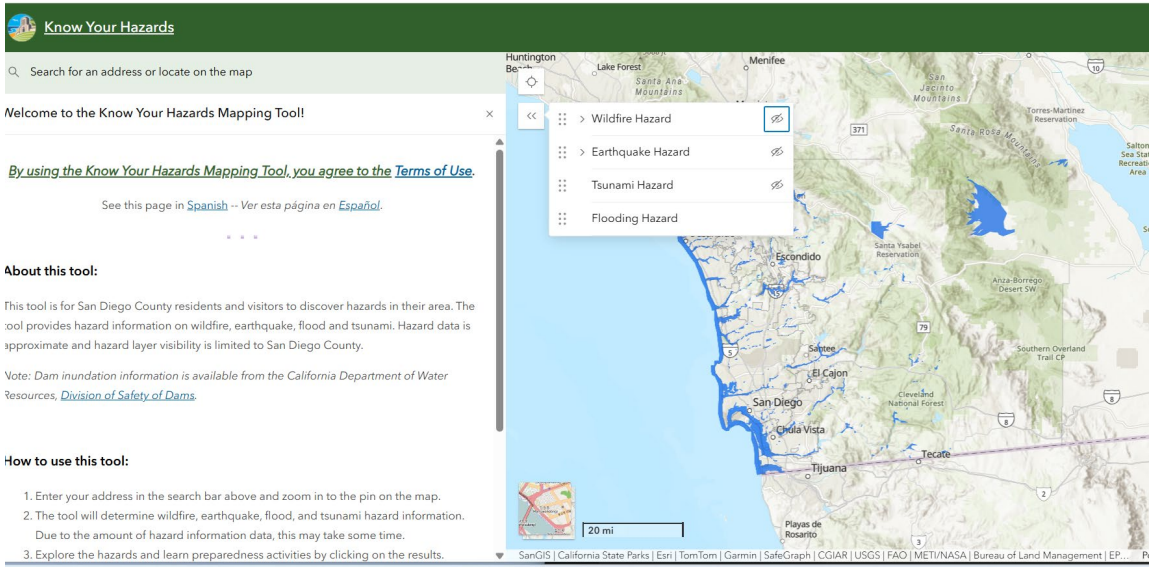
Flood Preparedness

County of San Diego Office of Emergency Services

Before the Flood

Preparedness Actions

- Know your risk
  - FEMA Flood Zone lookup: www.fema.gov/flood-maps
  - San Diego Know Your Hazards tool: https://www.alertsandiego.org/en-us/preparedness/maps.html



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County Preparedness

- Department of Public Works Seasonal Readiness
  - Storm drains
  - Channel clearing
  - Sandbag stations
  - Culvert inspections
- Does not include private property
- Local cities responsible for their storm drain clearing

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Individual Preparedness

- Purchase flood insurance, renew flood insurance policy – Homeowner's insurance typically does not cover flooding
  - https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program
- For renters: Contents-only coverage for flood insurance
- Declutter drains and gutters
- Move valuables to higher levels
- Fill sandbags early in the rainy season
- Take photos of your home and valuables, save them on a USB in your go kit

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Make a Plan

- Go bag / Build a kit
  - https://www.alertsandiego.org/en-us/preparedness/BuildaKit.html
- Create a plan
  - https://www.alertsandiego.org/en-us/preparedness/make-a-plan.html



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During the Flood

Messaging and Alerts

- Flood Watch
  - Be Prepared
  - Issued when conditions are favorable for a specific hazardous weather event to occur
- Flood Advisory
  - Be Aware
  - Issued when a specific weather event that is forecast to occur may become a nuisance
- Flood Warning
  - Take Action!
  - Issued when the hazardous weather event is imminent or already happening
- Flash Flood Warning
  - Take Action!
  - Issued when a flash flood is imminent or occurring
  - A flash flood is a sudden violent flood that can take from minutes to hours to develop

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Messaging and Alerts

- WEA – Wireless Emergency Alert
- Alert San Diego – Redundant opt-in system
- NOAA Weather Radio at 162.40 MHz
- EAS – Emergency Alert System
  - KOGO-AM600, KFMB-AM760, KPBS-FM89.5, FOX6, KFBM8, KGTV10, KNSD, KSWB, KUSI, KBNT, XHAS, and KPBC



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Following the Alert

- Be ready to evacuate all people and animals to higher ground if ordered
- If trapped inside by floodwaters, move to higher floors or a roof, but not attics. Call 9-1-1
- Turn around – don’t drown
- Always assume downed power lines are energized and dangerous. Call 9-1-1 to report downed lines
- Never drive around barricades

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After the Flood

Considerations

- Wait until officials say it is safe to go home
- Exposure to floodwater can make you sick, avoid it, don't drink it, don't let children play in it
- Look for boil water advisories from local authorities to make sure water is safe to use
- If you had power loss of 6-8 hours or more, throw away all frozen or refrigerated foods and medicines. When in doubt, throw it out!
- For active recovery information visit alertsandiego.org

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