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POST-BURN MUDFLOW PROTECTIVE ADVICE

Many areas of Southern California periodically suffer devastating damage due to brush fires and firestorms. Oncoming winter rains pose the threat of substantial additional damage due to flooding and mud and debris flows from the burned areas.

As part of the emergency response provided by Public Works, this package contains information to assist you in protecting your property. There is additional information at our postfire disaster information website at <https://pw.lacounty.gov/wrd/fire>. If this package has been mailed to you or left at your property in your absence, and you wish to have an engineering team provide you with advice, please contact Public Works' Stormwater Engineering Division at (800) 933-0930 to request a visit. We will contact you within two business days.

If advice has been provided to you, the advice provided on the enclosed form is based on a necessarily limited field review of your property. It is to be used in conjunction with the guidelines provided in the County's Homeowner's Guide for Flood, Debris, and Erosion Control, which is included in this package and is also available at <https://pw.lacounty.gov/wrd/fire>. If you did not receive this booklet or need one, please call (800) 933-0930, and one will be provided.

The advice is to inform you of reasonable measures, which can be taken to mitigate the increased flood hazard. Although the advice is intended to help lessen the threat of flood damage, there is no guarantee that these measures will prevent damage or injury. Mudflows and debris flows emanating from burned canyon and hillside areas can be extremely unpredictable. LA County Public Works now offers email and text message alerts for up-to-date mudflow forecasts. Scan the QR code and sign up today to start receiving notifications.



The recommendations contained in the enclosed form are emergency temporary measures that you, the homeowner, can take to protect your property. You may want to contact a licensed engineer with experience in drainage matters to review what additional more long-term measures you can take. Please keep in mind that it will take approximately four to five years for the burned watershed to significantly recover. Therefore, any protective measures utilized should remain in place for a minimum of five years.

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