

ARROYO GRANDE

CREEK CHANNEL

FLOODING & EVACUATION

Important Safety Information

*Importante Información De Seguridad
Sobre Inundaciones Y Evacuación Del
Canal De Arroyo Grande*



Why do I need to be prepared?

- Arroyo Grande Creek, through the community of Oceano, was channelized within levees constructed in 1961. Levees may reduce, but do not eliminate flooding.
- Vegetation and sediment are annually maintained within the creek to minimize flood risk. However, it is possible that the levee could fail during a large storm event and cause flooding of areas within one quarter mile of the creek; as indicated by the map on the reverse side of this brochure.
- When levees break or overtop, the flooding can be catastrophic. In 2023, the south levee breached and flooded hundreds of acres of crop-land and several residences.

During a storm, prepare to evacuate or get to high ground immediately if you are in the flood zone. The map on the reverse side of this brochure indicates the approximate flood zone for a 100-year storm event.

What is the Plan?

1. An automated flood warning system provides real-time notification of developing flood, rainfall, and weather events throughout the county.
2. In the event of a potential levee failure and/or flooding, an Evacuation Warning or Order will be issued. Emergency officials may use route alerting, or Wireless Emergency Alerts to notify the affected areas. Go to the Oceano Community Center (1425 19th Street), where evacuees can wait until a shelter can be opened or the threat has diminished.

Drainage or flooding issues: contact San Luis Obispo County Public Works at (805) 781-5252

Don't Be Scared, Be Prepared!

Plan Ahead: Protect Your Life and Property

Use this map to identify if you live or work within the flood zone. Pick a safe place on high ground where you and your family can meet and identify the route to get there. Establish an out-of-area "family contact" in case you are separated.

If you anticipate needing assistance or do not have transportation, make evacuation plans with neighbors now.

If you don't have a landline, register your cell phone for Reverse 911 at PrepareSLO.org/Reverse911.

Keep important documents and priceless possessions in your home, as high as possible.

Make a plan to evacuate your pets.

Prepare an emergency kit that includes a flashlight, battery-operated radio, extra batteries, cell phone charger, candles, matches, first-aid kit, medication, blankets, water and shelf-stable food.

Keep sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, lumber and other emergency building materials handy for water-proofing. Visit: PrepareSLO.org for more information.



ARROYO GRANDE CREEK CHANNEL FLOOD EVACUATION AREA OCEANO, CA

**SAFE POINT ASSEMBLY AREA
PUNTO SEGURO Y ÁREA DE REUNIÓN**

Oceano Community Center
 1425 19th Street
 Oceano, California

IF AN EVACUATION WARNING OR ORDER IS ISSUED, REMEMBER THESE TIPS:

- Tune to a local radio or TV station.
- Always listen to authorities for emergency instructions.
- If directed, gather your family and pets and move to high ground immediately.
- Take your prepared emergency kit with you. When in doubt, leave all possessions behind. Your life is more important.
- Do not go to upper floors to avoid the flood; you could get trapped.
- Never walk or drive through flooded areas; just 6 inches of water can make you fall, and can cause a car to stall.
- Stay away from power lines; electrocution is a frequent cause of death during flooding.
- Use common sense and try to stay calm.
- Offer transportation to others who may need it.

Stay safe and you can help others!

SI SE EMITE UNA ORDEN O ADVERTENCIA DE EVACUACION RECUERDE LOS SIGUIENTES CONSEJOS:

- Prenda su radio o televisor a cualquier estación local.
- Siempre escuche a las autoridades para recibir instrucciones de emergencia.
- Si la instrucción es evacuar, trasládese a una zona más alta inmediatamente.
- Si hay tiempo, llévese su estuche de emergencia preparado y documentos importantes. Si tiene duda, deje todas sus posesiones, porque su vida es más importante.
- No se meta a un ático para escapar de inundación es porque puede quedar atrapado.
- Nunca camine o maneje a través de áreas inundadas; solo 6 pulgadas de profundidad en una inundación pueden hacerle caer o hacer que su carro se detenga.
- Manténgase alejado de los cables de electricidad o de corriente eléctrica; electrocución es una causa de muerte frecuente en casos de inundación.
- Use su sentido común y mantenga la calma.

¡Manténgase seguro y podrá ayudar a otros!