



# CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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## Caltrans taking preventive steps in advance of storm, advising drivers to be prepared

**Orange County** – Caltrans is taking preventive steps to minimize the potential impact of storm events and advising drivers to be prepared for heavy rain and strong winds, particularly on Tuesday during the morning and evening commutes.

Debris flow on roadways, flooding and downed trees are possible. Motorists should be prepared for slick roads, allow for extra travel time and check conditions before hitting the road using the Caltrans QuickMap app. The free app is available at [quickmap.dot.ca.gov](http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov), on the Google Play or Apple App Store.

Caltrans is working to minimize the potential for flooding, mud and debris flow, particularly along State Routes 91 and 241 in recent burn areas.

These tasks include the following:

- Clearing sediment and debris from storm drains, basins and culverts (drainage structures that run under roadways).
- Continuous monitoring of drains, culverts and highway conditions. Caltrans maintenance crews are ready to respond to any issues that may arise on state routes.
- Utilizing erosion control blankets, gabion systems (stone filled wire baskets used to stabilize soil and prevent erosion), plastic sheeting, sandbags and temporary concrete barriers (commonly known as K-rail) to stabilize slopes, control erosion, and help prevent loose dirt and rocks from falling onto highways.
- Ensuring pump houses are operational and in working order, preparing water pumps and sand bags that can be used as needed, preparing “flooded” signs mounted on barricades that can be placed in effected areas.
- Stocking up on cold mix asphalt and base materials to repair wash outs.

In the event of slides, flooding or similar conditions, drivers should use alternate routes and follow instructions from local emergency officials.

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