GLEN COVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

EL NIÑO PREPAREDNESS

How Glen Cove residents can get ready

Winter 2026–2027 | Vallejo, California
A practical plan for homes, families and neighborhood readiness.

PREPARE EARLY. PROTECT YOUR HOME. TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER.

What NOAA is saying about El Niño

CURRENT STATUS — NOVEMBER 12, 2026

NOAA's Climate Prediction Center has an El Niño Advisory in effect. El Niño continues to strengthen; a strong-to-very-strong event is likely through January–March 2027.

WHAT THAT MEANS

El Niño can shift winter storm patterns. Seasonal outlooks describe broad probabilities; they cannot predict the exact storm, rainfall total or flood location in Glen Cove.

THE GLEN COVE TAKEAWAY

- Prepare for heavy-rain periods, gusty winds, saturated soil and possible service interruptions.
- Check updated local forecasts and official warnings throughout the season.
- Do not assume every El Niño winter will produce the same impacts.

What winter storms could affect our neighborhood

HEAVY RAIN

Fast runoff can overwhelm gutters, drains and low points.

STREET / PROPERTY FLOODING

Water may pond in driveways, streets and low-lying areas.

WIND & FALLING TREES

Branches and trees can damage roofs, fences, vehicles and power lines.

SLOPE / SOIL MOVEMENT

Saturated soil may contribute to erosion, slides or debris movement.

POWER / COMMUNICATION LOSS

Storm damage can interrupt electricity, internet and traffic signals.

ROAD ACCESS

Floodwater, fallen limbs or debris can make routes unsafe.

Prepare your property before the first major storm

- Clean roof gutters and downspouts; confirm water flows away from the foundation.
- Remove leaves and litter from private drainage areas and nearby curb gutters when safe.
- Secure patio furniture, trash bins, decorations and other loose objects.
- Check roofs, fences, retaining walls and visible drainage paths for damage.
- Look for new cracks, leaning trees, soil slumping or unusual water seepage.
- Use qualified professionals for tree work, roof repairs and slope concerns.

NEVER TAKE A DRAINAGE RISK

Do not enter storm drains, culverts, channels or flowing water to clear a blockage.

PROTECT NEIGHBORS TOO

Do not redirect runoff onto a neighboring property or block a shared drainage path.

Reduce flood damage around your home

MOVE ITEMS UP

Raise valuables, electronics, chemicals and important belongings above floor level where flooding is possible.

SANDBAGS

Check official local sandbag locations. Bring a shovel if self-service. Sandbags divert shallow water but are not watertight.

INSURANCE

Review your policy. Standard homeowners insurance usually does not cover flood damage. Ask about flood coverage and waiting periods.

DOCUMENT YOUR HOME

Photograph rooms and belongings. Store policy details, receipts and documents in a waterproof container and secure digital backup.

VEHICLES & OUTDOOR ITEMS

Move vehicles from areas that collect water when a storm is forecast. Keep drains and access paths clear.

Build an emergency kit for every household

Solano County recommends a family emergency plan, a Go Bag and a shelter-in-place kit.

- Drinking water and ready-to-eat food for each person
- Prescription medicines, glasses and medical supplies
- Flashlights, batteries and a battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Phone chargers and charged power banks
- First-aid supplies, hygiene and sanitation items
- Warm clothing, sturdy shoes and blankets
- Copies of IDs, insurance and important documents
- Cash, spare keys and emergency contact list
- Pet food, leash, carrier and medication
- Baby supplies and accessibility needs
- Waterproof bag for documents and electronics
- A Go Bag near an exit in case evacuation is needed

Plan for at least 3 days; Solano County Water Agency advises considering a 10-day kit.

Make a family communication and evacuation plan

1. PICK CONTACTS

Choose an out-of-area contact. Make sure everyone has the number written down and saved.

2. CHOOSE MEETING PLACES

Identify one meeting place near home and another outside the neighborhood.

3. PLAN YOUR ROUTES

Know more than one way out. Do not rely on a route that may flood or be blocked.

- Look up your evacuation zone through Solano County’s Know Your Zone tool.
- Plan for children, older adults, people with disabilities, medical equipment and pets.
- Keep vehicles fueled or charged and keep shoes, keys and go-bags accessible.

What to do during heavy rain, flooding and high winds

FLOOD SAFETY

Never walk, swim or drive through floodwater. Turn around—do not go around barricades. Stay away from creeks, channels, culverts and fast-moving runoff.

WIND & POWER SAFETY

Stay indoors and away from windows during strong winds. Treat every downed wire as energized. Use flashlights, not candles, during outages.

FOLLOW OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Monitor Alert Solano and National Weather Service warnings. Evacuate when directed; leave early if conditions become unsafe.

CALL FOR HELP

Call 911 for immediate threats to life or property, including a person trapped by floodwater or fire caused by storm damage.

Glen Cove community action plan

CONNECT NEIGHBORS

Build a voluntary check-in network. Exchange contact information with consent and share verified alerts.

REPORT HAZARDS

Share the exact location, what is happening, whether water is rising and whether homes or roads are threatened.

HELP SAFELY

Check on neighbors only when safe. Do not enter flooded areas or attempt rescues in moving water.

SUGGESTED ASSOCIATION ACTIONS

- Send residents a seasonal preparedness reminder with official links and phone numbers.
- Collect resident-reported drainage and access concerns; route them to the responsible agency.
- Encourage households to register for alerts and identify neighbors who may need assistance.

Local alerts, contacts and where to report

ALERT SOLANO

Register for emergency notifications by text, email or phone; update your contact details on the Solano County Alert Solano page.

EVACUATION ZONES

Find your zone and prepare routes through Solano County Office of Emergency Services: emergency.solanocounty.com.

VALLEJO PUBLIC WORKS

For after-hours right-of-way emergencies such as a downed tree or signal, call 911. During regular hours, call (707) 648-5235 for listed maintenance emergencies. Non-emergency issues: SeeClickFix.com/Vallejo.

FLOOD / SEWER REPORT

Vallejo Flood & Wastewater District: report flooding or sewer overflow at (707) 644-8949, option 3. Confirm the issue is within its service area.

Life-threatening emergency: 911. For any report, provide the exact address or nearest cross streets and stay clear of the hazard.

Sandbags: where to get information and how to use them

- Solano County posts sand and sandbag locations and instructions on its official website.
- Some locations are self-service; bring your own shovel and check availability before traveling.
- Fill bags only about halfway so they can be shaped and stacked properly.
- Place bags to divert shallow water away from doors or openings; overlap and stagger rows.
- Sandbags reduce some water flow but do not create a watertight barrier.
- Do not place bags where they block public roads, sidewalks or storm-drain inlets.

CHECK CURRENT LOCATIONS

Search “Solano County Sand & Sandbag Information” on solanocounty.gov before heading out.

IMPORTANT

Do not wait until floodwater is at your door to prepare.

Resident checklist: before, during and after

BEFORE

- ☐ Register for Alert Solano
- ☐ Clear gutters and private drains
- ☐ Secure outdoor items
- ☐ Prepare kits and medications
- ☐ Review evacuation zones
- ☐ Move valuables and vehicles if needed

DURING

- ☐ Monitor official alerts
- ☐ Stay away from floodwater
- ☐ Avoid downed wires and trees
- ☐ Follow evacuation orders
- ☐ Use flashlights during outages
- ☐ Call 911 for immediate danger

AFTER

- ☐ Wait for safe travel guidance
- ☐ Avoid damaged roads and standing water
- ☐ Watch for unstable slopes and trees
- ☐ Photograph damage when safe
- ☐ Report hazards to the right agency
- ☐ Check on neighbors safely

Official resources and planning references

NOAA El Niño Diagnostic Discussion — Nov. 12, 2026
https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/enso_advisory/ensodisc.shtml

NOAA U.S. Winter Outlook — Oct. 15, 2026
https://www.noaa.gov/news-release/el-nino-looms-large-over-us-winter-outlook

Solano County — Prepare Before an Emergency
https://www.solanocounty.gov/government/office-emergency-services/prepare-emergency

Solano County — Storm Ready & sandbag information
https://www.solanocounty.gov/government/office-emergency-services/prepare-emergency/storm-ready

Alert Solano — emergency notifications
https://www.solanocounty.gov/government/office-emergency-services/alert-solano

Solano County Water Agency — Flood Preparedness
https://scwa2.com/flood-preparedness/

City of Vallejo Public Works
https://www.vallejo.gov/our_city/departments_divisions/public_works_department

Vallejo Wastewater District — Flood information
https://www.vallejowastewater.org/214/Flooding

Seasonal forecasts are not street-level predictions. Follow updated local forecasts, watches, warnings and emergency instructions.

GLEN COVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. OUR PREPAREDNESS.

A safer winter starts before the first storm.

- Prepare your household and protect your property.
- Stay connected to official emergency information.
- Report hazards early and never take unnecessary risks.
- Look out for neighbors—safely and respectfully.

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