**Storm Readiness**

Some storms will be predictable and authorities will be able to provide ample time for the community members to get their home and family **READY**.

They will have time to get **SET** by preparing their method of transportation and gathering their belongings.

However, sometimes a storm can quickly develop and cause a flash flood and debris flow with little or no warning.

Officials may only be able to alert the public with just a few minutes notice, or none at all.

It is imperative that you understand the seriousness of the situation and are always prepared.

For more information, go to [ReadySBC.org](http://ReadySBC.org).

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**If at any time you feel unsafe, take immediate action and do not wait for a notification to evacuate.**

**READY**

**Weather ADVISORY** 72 to 48 hours before storm

- County Office of Emergency Management is alerting the community to an upcoming storm of duration and intensity to pose a possible risk to life or property.
- Community members should closely monitor the situation.
- Have a family plan; Where will you go? What will you need?
- Prepare your home.

**SET**

**Evacuation WARNING** 48 to 24 hours before storm

- Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office is warning all that there is a high possibility of an evacuation due to an incoming storm with duration or intensity to pose a risk to life or property.
- Arrange transportation, confirm your evacuation plan, gather items from your home and be ready to leave.
- People with access and functional needs or with large animals should take action as needed.

**GO!**

**Evacuation ORDER** 24 hours or less before storm

- Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office orders you to leave now if you are in a designated evacuation area.
- The incoming storm poses an extreme risk for loss of life and property in designated areas. Persons who refuse to comply with an evacuation order will not be forcibly removed from their home. However, they should not expect rescue or other lifesaving assistance after the onset of the emergency event.
- If flooding/debris flow happens, you may be stranded for several days.
- Authorities will return people home as soon as it is safe to do so.