



LANDSLIDE / MUDSLIDE AWARENESS MONTH

The ground can move without a quake!

It's important that residents who live on hillsides and in canyons be prepared for landslides. Slow moving landslides can cause significant damage. Mudslides, however, are much more dangerous and can attain speeds of 10-20 miles per hour and can cause death, injuries and significant property damage.

- Start by assembling a flood emergency supplies kit that includes sandbags, shovels, plastic sheeting, plywood, lumber and other tools before heavy rains begin.
- During intense storms, monitor the amount of rainfall. More than three to four inches of rain per day or ½ inch per hour, have been known to trigger mudslides. Monitor television and radio for warnings and instructions. Be prepared to evacuate, if necessary.
- Anticipate runoff and place sandbags in areas, as needed. Board up windows and doors.
- Look for geological changes around your home: bulging slopes; tilted trees; new water springs; holes or bare spots on hillsides; and rockslides. Listen for unusual sounds such as cracking wood or branches.

✓ HEALTH TIP:

During a landslide/mudslide, water and sewage pipelines can break and lead to water supply contamination. It is important to listen to your radio or television for the latest news on health and safety precautions for affected communities.

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