

December 24, 2025

Flooding Activity California

- The next in a series of storms tapping deep plumes of moisture known as atmospheric rivers has meteorologists particularly concerned
- NOAA's Weather Prediction Center issued a rare "high risk" for parts of Southern California for Wednesday and Wednesday night.
- This heavy rain will likely trigger flash flooding and landslides, particularly in hilly and mountainous terrain and areas recently burned by wildfires.



- Of particular concern are the mountains of Santa Barbara, Ventura, L.A. and San Bernardino Counties, as well as the surrounding L.A. Basin. It's here where the risk of rockslides, mudslides, debris flows and more widespread, life-threatening flash flooding is highest.
- This threat of locally flooding rain will also extend into the Desert Southwest, where flood watches are in effect. Expect localized urban flash flooding with water running in normally dry washes and arroyos, including the Vegas Valley.
- Rainfall is becoming more widespread, and several inches of rain have already fallen as of Wednesday morning.
- Some computer models show an organized squall line moving from west-to-east through the Los Angeles basin and Traverse Ranges of Southern California from Wednesday morning to early Wednesday afternoon. This is the most likely time period for extreme flash flooding, although flooding could persist through Christmas.
- Strong winds with the next two Pacific storms will down trees and knock out power, particularly in areas where the ground is soaked. Some gusts could reach 60-80 mph in the highest terrain of Southern California. Wind gusts up to 55 mph are possible in the L.A. Basin.
- A very limited tornado threat exists along the California coast or in the Central Valley on Christmas Eve.

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments							
State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Stort End			
		Requested	Completed	Start-End			
WA	Severe Storms Dec 5 and continuing	12	0	12/15 - TBD			



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Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request								
State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes				
IL*	Severe Storms and Flooding July 25 - 28, 2025 (Appeal)	11/21/2025	Pending	3 Counties				
IL*	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flash Flooding Aug 16-19, 2025 (Appeal)	11/21/2025	Pending	5 Counties				

^{*}Award of task order to contractor pending

	WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters						
Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline			
4892 WI	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding and Mudslides	3 Counties	81	11/12/2025			

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