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### **Effective Saturday, August 19 at 4:30 pm: Evacuation Warning (Voluntary) Issued for Bond Fire Burn Area**

**Santa Ana, Calif. (August 19, 2023)** Effective Saturday, August 19 at 4:30 pm, an Evacuation Warning (Voluntary) will be issued for Silverado Canyon and Williams Canyon in the Bond Fire burn area due to possible debris flows along or near the burn scar. A map with detailed depictions of the areas under Evacuation Warning (Voluntary) can be found at [www.ocsheriff.gov/bondfire](http://www.ocsheriff.gov/bondfire).

The National Weather Service has issued a Flood Watch for Orange County including the burn scar area for Saturday, August 19 through late Sunday, August 20 due to Tropical Storm Hilary. The Evacuation Warning (Voluntary) is expected to be in place through early Monday, August 21.

Canyon residents are strongly encouraged to prepare and voluntarily evacuate on Saturday, August 19 at 4:30 pm, especially those with disabilities, access and/or functional needs, and canyon residents with large animals.

Any person with disabilities and those with access and/or functional needs requiring evacuation assistance should call Orange County Sheriff's Department Dispatch at [714-647-7000](tel:714-647-7000).

Orange County Animal Care encourages animal owners in voluntary evacuation areas to implement their personal evacuation plans at this time. Pet evacuation tips are available at: <https://ocpetinfo.com/education-resources/disaster-preparedness>.

Any person needing assistance with information about animal or large animal evacuations should call Orange County Animal Care at [714-935-6848](tel:714-935-6848) during normal hours from 8 am to 5 pm or [714-259-1122](tel:714-259-1122) during after-hours from 5 pm to 8 am.

To report storm-related issues with a County road or flood control channel, call the Orange County Public Works Storm Center at [714-955-0333](tel:714-955-0333) during flash flood events and emergencies when OC Public Works' Department Operations Center is activated.

#### **Evacuation Areas**

- Silverado Canyon - Evacuation Warning (VOLUNTARY – as of Saturday, August 19 at 4:30 pm)
- Williams Canyon - Evacuation Warning (VOLUNTARY – as of Saturday, August 19 at 4:30 pm)



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## Road Closures

- Soft road closures will be put into place at entrances to the Silverado and Williams Canyons. The roads will be open to residents and businesses only.

## Sheltering

Residents living in the evacuation areas are encouraged to leave early and plan for alternate shelter with friends, family or at a local hotel outside of the evacuation area. Depending on conditions, the Evacuation Warning (Voluntary) may transition to Evacuation Order (Mandatory) with little or no notice, so residents leaving the area are encouraged to plan accordingly.

In coordination with the Orange County Social Services Agency and the City of Mission Viejo, the American Red Cross will open a congregate (dormitory style) shelter location for evacuated residents of the Canyons on August 19 starting at 7:30 pm. The shelter will be located at the [Norman P. Murray Community & Senior Center](#) in Mission Viejo. The center is located at [24932 Veteran's Way, Mission Viejo 92692](#).

Orange County Public Works, Orange County Animal Care, the Orange County Fire Authority and the Orange County Sheriff's Department are working in Unified Command.

Residents are encouraged to check regularly for updates through local media and on Facebook and Twitter following #OCCanyonFlood at:

Twitter: <a href="#">@OCGovCA</a>	Facebook: <a href="#">@OCGov</a>	Instagram: <a href="#">@OCGov</a>
Twitter: <a href="#">@OCSheriff</a>	Facebook: <a href="#">@OCSheriff</a>	
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