




Winter Rainstorms

 The City of Glendale and Los Angeles County Department of Public Works have teamed up to clean out area debris basins and prepare slopes for the rainy season that is now upon us. Sandbags have been strategically placed to channel rain water and existing k-rail has been adjusted. For those living in the burn areas, including La Crescenta, residents can expect this activity to occur annually for the next 4-5 years as plant life repopulates the hillside burn areas.

The City of Glendale is urging residents to prepare for a wet winter and take all precautions necessary to account for sustained heavy rainfall. Residents living near burn areas are encouraged to regularly check the [weather forecast](#). All residents should prepare their homes for the rainy season by inspecting property and clearing all parts of drainage systems including terrace drains, drainage swales, and catch-basins of dirt and other debris. During heavy rainfall periods, it is essential that these private drainage systems work efficiently to carry rainwater off private property and out of the City.

Residents concerned about how to assess and protect property near burn areas should contact the Glendale Public Works Department at (818) 548-3900. Sandbags, which are effective in diverting low levels of mud and rain water, are provided free to Glendale residents. Sandbags are currently available at Dunsmore Park, the Public Works Corporation Yard located at 541 W. Chevy Chase Drive and at all Glendale Fire Stations.

If a declared emergency occurs, the City of Glendale's Emergency Information Center (EIC) will be activated. Residents can call (818) 548-3301 or send an email to the EIC at eic@ci.glendale.ca.us and have direct contact with a staff member.

Glendale residents can report incidents such as dirt and debris in the street, fallen tree limbs, and mud and dirt running off hillsides by calling the Public Works, Maintenance Services Division at (818) 548-3950. For all life threatening emergencies, residents should always call 911.

Are You Driven 2 Distraction?

Did you know that approximately 80 percent of

vehicle crashes now involve some type of driver inattention and that nationwide, 6,000 people are killed annually in accidents where driver distractions have occurred.

In response to accidents resulting from distracted driving in our community, the City of Glendale is launching the new "**Driven 2 Distraction**" and "**Look 2 Live**" campaigns which are hard-hitting driver and pedestrian outreach and education programs aimed at reducing the number of pedestrian-involved incidents in our City.

It is unfortunate, but in our community we have seen too many pedestrian traffic incidents on our City streets. In response, the City of Glendale is proactively addressing this issue through a three-prong approach of Enforcement, Engineering, and Education. Through enforcement, we are adding traffic patrols that will target drivers that violate traffic laws, especially those related to crosswalks. From an engineering perspective, we are working to create safer crosswalks and improve busy intersections for pedestrians. And most recently, the City of Glendale is in the process of launching new education and outreach campaigns, "**Driven 2 Distraction**" and "**Look 2 Live**", to further reduce the number of pedestrian-involved traffic incidents on local roadways.

Structured in conjunction with our enforcement and engineering efforts, the "**Driven 2 Distraction**" education campaign targets drivers, reminding them that texting, applying make-up, changing a CD, or disciplining children in the back seat while driving, are not worth a life that could be lost from driver distraction.

Similarly, the "**Look 2 Live**" campaign is reaching out to pedestrians, reminding them to remain vigilant while crossing the street, even in a crosswalk, where they should always "**Look 2 Live**".

The campaigns will be available in several languages to communicate with Glendale's diverse population. It is our goal to bring home the message that staying focused while behind the wheel or crossing the street will save lives.

Getting behind the wheel is a big responsibility and the City encourages everyone to slow down, pay attention, and drive safely. Our community's public safety is everyone's responsibility.

As always, we want to hear your thoughts and ideas, so please let us know via [the City's website](#). You may also telephone Vicki Gardner at: (818) 548-4844 for suggestions and/or questions.

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