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Property Owner/Resident:

As we prepare for the upcoming rainy season, Tulare County is reminding residents and property owners to help keep stormwater drainage areas, creeks and streams clear. Keeping these waterways clear and clean prevents flooding and protects communities, the lands, homes and roads. Excess vegetation, trash, sediment, leaves and other materials can block the flow of water in creeks and streams and can lead to flooding and other problems.

Property owners and residents are asked to inspect their properties and remove any debris, vegetation, or other materials that may block or restrict the flow of stormwater. You, as the property owner, are responsible for properly maintaining the watercourses on your property.

In accordance with the County's Watercourses Ordinance (found at Tulare County Ordinance Code §4-15-1000 *et seq*.), we urge all residents with watercourses on their properties to take appropriate action now as the rainy season quickly approaches.

Tulare County is also doing its part to protect residents and communities from flooding. Tulare County Public Works will also be inspecting and maintaining County basins, storm drains, curbs, gutters, and other drainage facilities in preparation for the rainy season.

Protecting the County from flooding is especially important this winter and spring as the state prepares for the coming very strong El Niño event. On September 21, 2026, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency across California to bolster preparedness and fast-track flood-protection efforts ahead of a historic El Niño season. Following this proclamation, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors officially proclaimed a Local Emergency on October 1, 2026. These emergency proclamations allow state and local agencies to streamline emergency permitting and clear regulatory hurdles so that communities can actively safeguard infrastructure and private property before severe storms arrive.

For more information on the emergency proclamations and regulatory requirements, please visit the County's website at:

https://tularecounty.ca.gov/emergencies

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping to keep our communities safe and prepared.