



# Press Release

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## **SANDBAGS AVAILABLE RESIDENTS ADJACENT TO BURNED AREAS SHOULD TAKE PRECAUTIONS**

Chino Hills, CA – Rain is predicted for the first weekend of November. The City has provided sand and Chino Valley Fire District has provided sandbags at Fire Station No. 64 on Carbon Canyon Road at Canon Lane, and at Fire Station No. 62 on Butterfield Ranch Road at Sagebrush Street in Chino Hills. Citizens with proof of residency will be issued 25 sandbags per household. Bring your own shovel to fill the sandbags. If your property requires significant sandbagging, visit a local hardware store to purchase necessary supplies. Some hardware stores may provide free sandbags.

### **Blue Ridge Fire Areas**

The City of Chino Hills Public Works Department staff is conducting visual inspections of City property along the Blue Ridge Fire's burn areas adjacent to neighborhoods in Butterfield Ranch and south of Soquel Canyon Parkway. Priorities will be set for erosion control efforts on City property to mitigate concerns about rain runoff due to the loss of vegetation on slopes. City crews and contractors are working to clear debris basins and v-ditches on slopes behind homes and may place erosion control devices (sandbags and straw wattles) to direct runoff. Residents may report City drainage structures that need to be cleared by calling (909) 364-2800 or online at [www.chinohills.org/ServiceRequest](http://www.chinohills.org/ServiceRequest).

Residents adjacent to the burn areas should also take steps on their property to prepare for the coming rain. Visit the City website at [www.chinohills.org/StormReady](http://www.chinohills.org/StormReady) for information about using sandbags, erosion control, and more. The first step is to access your property for proper drainage away from the house and toward the street. When a home is built, grading on the property is designed to move water away from the house and toward the street. Earth berms or swales direct water around the house and should be maintained. In some cases, property owners make changes to their yard that hampers the flow of water off the property.

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If your yard has underground drainage systems to take water to the street, check to make sure they are not clogged. Residents are encouraged to determine how water would flow from burned areas behind your home to the street. Take steps to direct any water or debris flow away from the house and to the street using items like sandbags or fencing. Do not use straw or hay bales in lieu of sandbags. They do not perform as well as sandbags and can be washed away. The City does not place sandbags on private property. Take the action needed to protect your property before it starts to rain.

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