

El Niño

BE PREPARED ALONG THE WATERFRONT

WHAT IS EL NIÑO?

CAUSE A natural climate pattern that occurs when ocean waters in the tropical Pacific become unusually warm, influencing weather around the world

EFFECT Heavy rain, strong winds and large waves that push high tides farther inland. This year's El Niño is expected to be among the **strongest on record** - bringing higher water levels, more frequent King Tides and more coastal flooding along San Francisco's waterfront from **November 2026 through February 2027**.

WHAT WE DO

To protect people, businesses, public spaces and critical infrastructure, we:

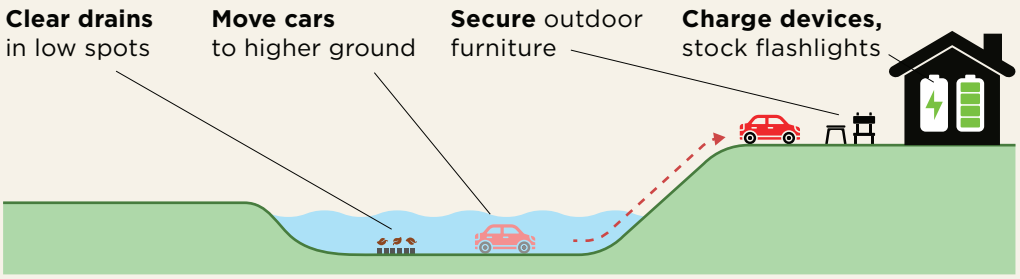
- **Install** temporary flood barriers at higher-risk locations
- **Inspect** utilities, sewers and electrical systems
- **Clear** storm drains and ready pumps
- **Develop** enhanced tide monitoring and warnings
- **Coordinate** with transit partners to keep service running safely
- **Help** waterfront tenants and businesses prepare

WHAT YOU CAN DO Residents & Businesses

Stay safe!

- Avoid flooded areas.
- Skip travel during heavy rain and wind.
- Never drive or walk through standing floodwater.

Prepare! →



STAY INFORMED & GET HELP

EMERGENCY ALERTS: TEXT YOUR ZIP CODE TO

888-777

AlertSF • alertsf.org

Call 311
Report clogged drains, sewer backups, downed limbs

sf.gov/storms
ReadySF storm guidance

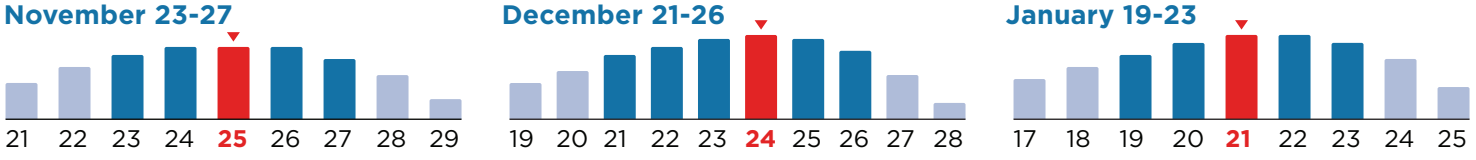
weather.gov/mtr
National Weather Service Bay Area forecasts

sfpublicworks.org/sandbags
Free sandbags from Public Works

sfpuc.gov/programs/grants
SFPUC Floodwater Grant Program

sfport.com
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HIGHEST TIDES THIS WINTER Daily high tide | red = peak day



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