

## **NOAA NWS ISSUES HIGH WIND ADVISORY AND FREEZE WATCH FOR L.A. COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED AREA COMMUNITIES**

The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS) Los Angeles/Oxnard office has issued a High Wind Advisory for the Los Angeles County Mountains, Acton, Antelope Valley, Mt. Wilson, Lancaster, and Palmdale areas that starts at 10 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST) on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, and remains in effect until 4 a.m. PST on Wednesday, December 4, 2013.

A cold trough from Canada is forecasted to bring gusty winds to the Los Angeles County Mountains and Antelope Valley areas on Tuesday afternoon, and will stay in the area into the early morning on Wednesday. The cold air behind trough is anticipated to settle over the region that may result in a couple of hours of hard freeze conditions over the Santa Ynez and Antelope Valley areas.

Also, the NOAA NWS Los Angeles/Oxnard office has issued a Freeze Watch for the Antelope Valley including Lancaster and Palmdale areas that will begin late Wednesday night, and remains in effect until Friday morning on December 6, 2013.

### **Precautionary/Preparedness Actions:**

NOAA NWS High Wind Advisory means winds are forecasted in excess of 35 miles per hour (mph) or greater. Residents and businesses need to be on alert and are advised to take precautions including closing all windows and securing outdoor objects. A NOAA NWS High Wind Advisory could cause downed trees, power lines, and power outages. Motorists, especially operators of high profile vehicles are urged to use caution while traveling across deserts, and through mountain passes. Drivers should expect reduce visibility in some areas due to blowing dust.

NOAA NWS Freeze Watch means sub-freezing temperatures are forecasted. These conditions could destroy crops, and other vegetation. Also, could lead to an increased risk of hypothermia for those living outside including pets, and livestock. This type of weather condition could cause unprotected water pipes to burst.

Los Angeles County residents and businesses, including persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, may call 211 LA County for emergency preparedness information, and other referral services. The toll-free 2-1-1 number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. 211 LA County services can also be accessed at <http://211la.org>. To register for the Specific Needs Awareness Planning program please go to <https://snap@lacounty.gov>. For disaster/emergency preparedness information, please access <http://lacoa.org> and/or <http://espfocus.org>.

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