

EL NIÑO CHECKLIST

X	CHECK/DO	NOTE	PRIORITY
General Property Checks			
	Clean out gutters and down spouts	Clear of leaves and other debris	High
	Condition of your gutters		High
	Roof	Check for leaks; inspect flashing	High
	Chimney	Ensure no blockage	Med-High
	Windows, doorframes and baseboards	Make sure they are sealed	Med-High
	Stock up on batteries		Med-High
	Invest in generator	In case of power outages	Med-High
	Storm drains	Have them checked and/or contact if they are obstructed	Med-High
	Prepare or purchase first aid kit	Include water	Med-High
Garden or Landscape			
	Check retaining walls and fences	Critical if you live on hillside And if it is a high wall	High
	Drainage*	Check that drains are clear. Invest if your property has risk of flooding	High
	Trees	See reverse side	High
	Slopes	Gullying, surface cracks and slumping – can mean slope movement	High
	Stock up on sandbags and plastic sheeting to divert water	Plastic sheeting can be placed on slopes and secured with sandbags	High
	Mulch or plant any bare areas	This will prevent mudflows.	High
	Clean your yard	Secure furniture or any debris that can be tossed by high winds	Med-High

*If you have areas that flood consider installing swales or French drains to redirect water flow

See reverse side for tree recommendations



E L N I Ñ O C H E C K L I S T - T R E E S

Your trees can suffer a lot of damage and can also seriously damage your home and vehicle. They can also knock out power.

Drought stressed trees are more vulnerable to the high winds and heavy rain of an El Niño winter.

Limbs can break off and go flying.

The bigger the tree, the bigger the problem.

A tree can look good and still be at risk.

Don't take a chance.

Call a professional landscaper or certified arborist for a thorough inspection of your trees.

They can detect if a tree is structurally sound.

This is a short list of what you will want them to do and check for:

- Inspect for overall health
- Look for any cracks in the trunk
- Dead wood
- Trees with a sudden lean
- Decay
- Have overhanging branches trimmed

