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Update: Road Conditions for Incoming Storm

SAN BERNARDINO – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is alerting motorists that the National Weather Service (NWS) is forecasting a major winter storm for Riverside and San Bernardino counties beginning Wednesday, November 27 through Friday, November 29. Rain will begin Wednesday morning with snow developing Thursday into Friday in mountain regions above 2,500 feet. Be advised that roads can close without notice if they are determined unsafe for the traveling public.

Caltrans is advising motorists of possible weather impacts to the following interstates and routes.

- SR 2 will close from Grassy Hollow to Islip Saddle (west of Mountain High Ski Resort toward Los Angeles) tonight at midnight, November 26 until further notice. Use I-15 or Route 14 to SR 138 to SR 2 for detour from Los Angeles area.
- I-15 in the Cajon Pass – snow expected on Thursday.
- SR 2 and SR 138 to Wrightwood – snow expected – must have chains.
- SR 74 from Lake Elsinore to Orange County – possible snow conditions.
- SR 18, 330, 38, 173 and 189 – snow conditions with possible R-3 chain requirements.
- SR 243 and 74 – heavy amounts of rain Wednesday and Thursday turning to snow conditions on Thursday – expect chain control.
- SR 62, 95 and 177 – possible flooding in the desert region toward Needles.

Below are some other helpful driving tips.

- Before you start your journey, check travel conditions using [QuickMap](#).
- Check tires and wipers to make sure they are in good condition.
- Have a full tank of gas.
- Slow down when driving in adverse weather conditions. Reduce your speed when roadways are icy or wet and your sight of distance is affected.
- Avoid travel during heavy rain or snow events.
- Never drive impaired! Always designate a driver.

- Bring chains if you are traveling to the mountain areas. Weather in the mountain areas is often unpredictable. Be smart by having chains in your vehicle in case chain control is issued.
- Chain installers are available on most mountain routes during chain control. Please, use the Caltrans approved chain installers with authorized bibs for your safety and to protect your vehicle.
- Never use turnouts or park in the middle of the roadway for snow play. Only park in designated areas and do not trespass on private property.
- For long trips bring water, warm clothing, blankets, a charged cell phone and charger, medications, snacks and other necessary items.
- Do not attempt to pass through road closure signs. Never drive through running water or flooded roadways. Remember, turn around, don't drown.
- Be a safe and courteous driver. It only adds a few minutes to your travel time and make it a more enjoyable drive for everyone.

Caltrans wishes you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season!

Know before you go! To stay on top of roadwork in the Inland Empire go to [Caltrans District 8](#) and sign up for commuter alerts. Follow us for the latest information on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). To assist in planning your commute, view live traffic conditions using [QuickMap](#) and [planned lane closures](#).

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