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YUCAIPA, Calif. (KABC) -- An evacuation order was issued Saturday afternoon for some parts of San Bernardino County due to possible mud and debris flows.

Evacuation orders were issued for residents in the El Dorado and Apple Fire burn scar areas, Mountain Home Village, Oak Glen, Forest Falls, Angelus Oaks and northeast Yucaipa.

The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department said an American Red Cross shelter will be open at Redlands East Valley High School.

The order comes after a woman was found dead in Forest Falls last month when mudslide and debris flows slammed the community.

The evacuation orders were lifted Sunday afternoon, Yucaipa police announced.

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What's new: Drip Deluxe opening in Rancho Cucamonga; deadline lands for IRS extension filers

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A \$220,521.73 federal grant for **San Bernardino County's Fire** Protection District will help the agency hire more paramedics, according to Dan Munsey, San Bernardino County Fire Department's chief. (File photo: STAN LIM, THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE/SCNG)

Drip Deluxe, a salon aimed at rehydrating customers with intravenous solutions, opens Nov. 14 in Rancho Cucamonga.

It's the first location for the budding company created by Jovina Romero. A registered nurse with 14 years of experience, Romero will be performing the drip procedures on her saline-thirsty customers.

The boutique is opening inside Aspire Salon Studios

Drip Deluxe's IV hydration treatments vary between 30 minutes to one-hour sessions. Pricing is between \$150 and \$200. The company notes that many of the hydration packages include more than one treatment.

Some of those treatments include an "Immunity Drip" aimed at boosting the immune system; the Myers Cocktail, which claims to help with chronic symptoms like ongoing pain and asthma. An Athletic Performance drip promises to shorten recovery time after an injury. Or those of you feeling less than peppy can opt for the Energizer, which aims to kickstart the metabolism.

Address: Drip Deluxe is at Suite 35 at 11553 Foothill Blvd., near the Terra Vista Town Center and Victoria Gardens.

Time to file those federal refunds, extension filers

The IRS is reminding taxpayers who filed for a federal extension that it's time to get their 2021 tax return to the agency — today.

Monday is the last day for most people to file a 1040 form to avoid a late filing penalty, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

Here are some ways to get help filing:

[IRS Free File](#) is available for those with an adjusted gross income of \$73,000 or less in 2021.

The IRS's also has an [Interactive Tax Assistant tool](#) online (irs.gov/help/ita)

For foreign filers, go to the “English” tab at the [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) homepage and choose another language. The IRS reminds procrastinators they can schedule a payment up to the deadline at 11:59 p.m. Go to [irs.gov/payments](https://www.irs.gov/payments)

Barrette Outdoor Living sells Riverside complex for \$44 million

An industrial property occupied by Barrette Outdoor Living in Riverside has sold for \$43.75 million to Dedeaux Properties in Los Angeles.

The property is quite close to the “World’s Largest Paper Cup,” which measures 68 feet tall. The firm has started the entitlement process with plans to develop a two-building industrial park on the 13.6-acre site.

The property, home to the Ohio-based manufacturer of outdoor fencing, pergolas and gates, includes a 97,920-square-foot industrial building constructed in 1975.

Dedeaux invests in commercial property and recently tilted up walls on a 47,809-square-foot high distribution center in Bloomington. The firm is also building an industrial facility on a two-parcel property at 945 and 995 W. Markham St. in Perris.

Grant launches fundraiser effort for Severe Behavior program

Easterseals Southern California is expanding its Severe Behavior Services Program with \$1 million grant from Assembly Bill 179. The money will help kick off a \$6-\$7 million fundraising effort with an eye on doubling the size of the program at a new Orange County facility.

Easterseals Southern California launched its Severe Behavior Services Program in early 2020 with the acquisition of the Center for Behavioral Sciences. The out-patient program is the only one of its kind on the West Coast.

Easterseals Southern California currently serves up to 18 people at two sites in Irvine and Northridge. It also provides functional assessment, analysis and consultation throughout the region.

FEMA grant will help SBC hire more EMTs

Rep. Pete Aguilar has arranged for a \$220,521.73 federal grant for San Bernardino County’s Fire Protection District.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program comes from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and provides fire departments and emergency medical service organizations with money to train emergency personnel.

Ultimately, the grant will help put more paramedics into the field, according to Dan Munsey, **San Bernardino County Fire** Department’s chief.

The county gets at least 130,000 calls for fire, rescue and EMS services each year he said.

“The (grant) allows an opportunity for additional crisis intervention training, ultimately expanding this program,” Munsey said.

Grant portal opens this week for seismic retrofitting

California's Earthquake Brace + Bolt program opens its registration window for its seismic retrofit grant program on Oct. 18.

The state will issue \$80 million will be available to homeowners in 521 high-risk ZIP codes. According to EBB, grants of up to \$3,000 will help offset the cost of a seismic retrofit, lessening damage during an earthquake.

Some income-eligible homeowners can qualify for supplemental grants. The amounts will vary depending on the region and type of retrofit.

These supplemental grants may cover up to 100% of the cost of a seismic retrofit.

Registration for the EBB program closes Nov. 29.

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Desert composting facility plagued by odor complaints ordered to cease and desist; San Bernardino County health department cites odor, fire and operational concerns at controversial plant near Hinkley.

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Workers move materials at Nursery Products, an 80-acre biosolids composting facility southwest of Hinkley, CA on Thursday, June 23, 2022. A fire burned inside the Synagro-owned facility's composting material for months over the summer, with foul odors reported for miles. (Photo by Paul Bersebach, Orange County Register/SCNG)

Citing odor issues, fire dangers and apparent violations of state law, San Bernardino County's public health department has ordered a High Desert composting facility that processes sewage sludge and green waste from residents across Southern California to stop doing business.

The 80-acre Nursery Products facility, which is owned by the Maryland-based firm Synagro, started drawing headlines this summer as workers spent months trying to quash a fire that blanketed residents in the nearby communities of Hinkley, Helendale and Barstow with a stench of burning plastic mixed with smoldering sewage. Residents reported health complaints and layers of gunk settling over their homes.

Regulators said that rotting waste had spontaneously combusted deep in the composting pits back in May, after the facility accepted too much product – which is shipped in from Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside counties – and failed to properly manage it.

Officials finally declared that fire extinguished in mid-September. But county health officials said in a Sept. 29 cease-and-desist notice that, with current operation and storage practices, the facility still “poses a potential threat of fires or significant smoldering” that can harm “public health, safety, and the environment.”

The notice says there's also an ongoing odor and nuisance risk at the site. And it states Synagro is in violation of waste management codes and isn't operating according to its permits.

Until county officials see evidence all of those concerns have been addressed, the notice states the company faces fines of \$10,000 per instance per day if it takes in any new product.

Synagro is “in close communication” with county health officials on the issue, company spokesman Layne Baroldi said Thursday via email.

“We are working with them to address their concerns, many of which have already been resolved or are in the process of being handled,” he said.

Baroldi didn't elaborate on what sparked the cease-and-desist notice or what changes his company has made in response.

State regulators also have been monitoring the situation, per CalRecycle, which helps oversee composting operations.

Baroldi said they expect to resume composting at the facility soon. In the meantime, he said they are providing "uninterrupted composting services to communities we serve across Southern California through our other facilities in the state."

Synagro also operates composting facilities in Kern County and in Central and Northern California. Baroldi didn't specify where Southern California waste is now going.

Agencies such as South Orange County Wastewater Authority filled two trucks each day with leftover sewage sludge and trucked it 130 miles to reach the company's High Desert facility. Sending it to the Kern County facility tacks on another 70 miles each way.

Sanitation experts say there has been an ongoing shortage of composting facilities in California. So taking one offline for an unknown amount of time is likely to cause other sites to become further strained.

That worries Norman Diaz, a Barstow resident who led a group opposing the Nursery Products facility as planned 16 years ago.

Diaz said the smell has gotten better in recent weeks, and he's glad to see at least some action by regulators on the issue. But he said he doesn't want the problem to simply be shifted to another community. Instead, he hopes this prompts regulators to finally require facilities like this to be more closely monitored and to be enclosed, to avoid odor issues, as his group suggested when the project was first proposed.

"This stuff is being produced, and it needs to be dealt with responsibly," he said.

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