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When you mention El Nino, other parts of the country might dread the potential flooding, but here in Southern California an El Nino winter could bring us needed relief from our multi year drought. Climatologists are now forecasting a mild El Nino event which may have the potential to bring us above average rainfall. If we get our collective wish and El Nino does bring us some extra precipitation, what is the best way to prepare your home for some heavy rain?

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- Clear gutters of leaves and debris. Clogged gutters cause rainwater to pool, and if you have an older roof, that rain could find its way into your house. Check the down pipes as well, making sure the output has somewhere to go and avoid pools near your foundation.
- Get your roof inspected. Granules or roof debris in the gutters are not good signs.
- Keep large trees around your home trimmed and inspect for dead and dying branches that could come down in a storm.

- Lower the level in your swimming pool to avert flooding your patio.
- Secure loose items on your patio like lanterns, furniture, and trash cans to prevent them from being blown around your back yard.
- In the worst case scenario and you are in a mudslide zone, be sure to have an evacuation plan that you're whole family can put into action.

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