

# Operation Splash! Change Your Route, Or Wait It Out

Heavy rains in Tucson quickly fill washes, dips, and other low-lying areas with water. These small streams can carry enormous amounts of water and water levels can rise very rapidly and without warning. So when rainstorms hit, Tucson Department of Transportation Streets and Traffic Maintenance crews hit the road, day or night, placing barricades where city streets cross flooded areas.

A barricade is a signal that unsafe conditions exist beyond it. The force of the water in these areas can wash cars downstream into even deeper waters. **Please do not drive around these barricades.** When it is once again safe to cross, TDOT personnel will remove the warning signs.

**So if you see barricades or water flowing, change your route, or wait it out.**

Operation Splash! is in effect during Tucson's monsoon season from June through October when the heaviest and most intense rainstorms normally occur.

For more information about Operation Splash! call TDOT's Streets and Traffic Maintenance Division at 791-3154 or visit the TDOT web site at <http://dot.ci.tucson.az.us/streets/>.

The Tucson Department of Transportation's Streets and Traffic Maintenance Division is responsible for keeping city streets open and safe.

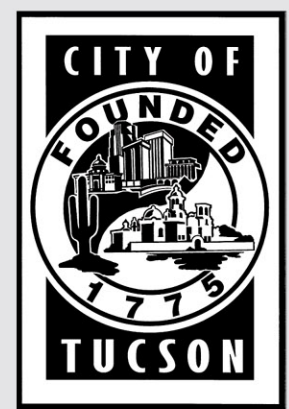
Si gusta información en español sobre la "Operación Tormenta" llámenos al 791-3154.

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When driving, be alert to the danger of standing or moving water. If you see a barricade, it means the road is **CLOSED**. Do Not go around it. **STAY OUT!**

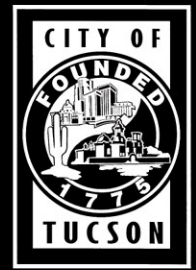
For more information, call 791-3154. Find more information on the web at: [www.cityoftucson.org](http://www.cityoftucson.org) or [www.rapidtrans.org](http://www.rapidtrans.org) or <http://dot.ci.tucson.az.us/streets>



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# Dangerous AND Illegal

By state law, if you drive into rising water, you may be charged with reckless driving, a Class 2 misdemeanor. In addition, you can be charged up to \$2,000 for the cost of rescue and/or car removal in flood areas.

# These Are Some of the "Flood Area" Locations Which May Be Barricaded During Heavy Rains

All low lying areas in the City of Tucson are subject to flooding during heavy rains.

# For More Information About Barricades and Street Closures

Call the City of Tucson's Street and Traffic Maintenance Division at 791-3154.

After 5:00 p.m. and before 8:00 a.m., call City

Communications Emergency Dispatch at 791-4144.

