

# Winter Preparedness Activities and Use of Sandbags

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## SUGGESTIONS FOR STORM PREPARATIONS

Prior to winter storms, clean gutters, down spouts, and keep free of debris to insure proper drainage of stormwater run-off away from your home.

Direct stormwater runoff toward the street.



Do not put trash or debris in the street gutters, creeks or drainage canals.



During periods of heavy rains, keeping catch basins and storm drain openings in front of your home clear of debris is helpful to city work crews.

If not in use, store sandbags in a dry area or covered with protective plastic to keep them dry. Sandbags are not watertight and will absorb water, making them difficult to move once wet.



**You can track the weather for Severe Storm Warnings with the SF National Weather Service** at the following: Recorded forecast information is available 24 hrs/day, 7 days/week by calling: **831-656-1725**. A forecaster is available to answer questions Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM



If you've been using some of the City's free sandbags for flood protection, you might be wondering what to do with them after the rainy season.

Here is information and some suggestions to residents about what to do with the sand and sandbags at the end of the wet season:

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## WHEN THE RAINY SEASON IS OVER



The City of Redwood City recommends that residents and business owners keep sandbags on hand at least through mid-April since significant amounts of rain can occur during late-winter and early-spring storms. Once the threat of flooding is over, however, there are several ways to dispose of sandbags.



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## RECYCLE USES FOR USED SAND

We can suggest the following uses for your used sand:

**Add or use** to gardens as a soil amendment.

**Return** used sandbags to the distribution site: 1400 Broadway, the Public Works Services Dept. Parking Lot **by May 1st**. Please place your used sandbags in the bin located in the Municipal Maintenance Parking Lot.

**Sandbags** should not be tossed into garbage receptacles because they take up valuable space in landfills.

*Thanks for properly recycling your used sandbags.*

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If you are able, please move litter, leaves and debris covering catch basins or inlet on your street. Rake the materials up and place in the yard waste containers. This will help prevent flooding. Or to report flooding, debris in the catch basins or inlets, or if you have questions or comments, please call the Public Works Services Department.

For more information, call the Redwood City Public Works Services Dept, Storm Drains Maintenance Section at (650) 780-7464