

ARE YOU READY?

WINTER STORM PREPAREDNESS TIPS



BEFORE the storm

- 1) Keep insurance policies, documents and other valuables in a safe deposit box.
- 2) Know your flood zone designation and your specific flood hazard. Obtain flood insurance if you are in a high-risk flood area. Homeowner insurance policies don't cover flood damage.
- 3) Know safe routes from your home and office to high ground.
- 4) Discuss emergency plans with your family.
- 5) Plan in advance to assist your neighbors or have them help you. Plan for those with access and functional needs, mobility problems or other disabilities.
- 6) Enter City phone numbers (listed on reverse side) in your cell phone and post this flyer by your landline phone.
- 7) Obtain sandbags (available at 1400 Broadway St), plywood, plastic sheeting, and other emergency

building materials well in advance and keep handy for waterproofing.

- 8) Store the following supplies at work, home and in your car in accessible locations:
 - First aid kit and essential medicines
 - Food (packaged, dried, canned and for special diets)
 - Non-electric can opener
 - Cash (ATMs may not work)
 - Portable radio, flashlights and extra batteries (stored in water-tight plastic bag)
 - Drinking water stored in closed, clean containers (allow 1 gallon per person per day for at least 3 days)
- 9) Keep your car fueled in the event filling stations are inoperable.
- 10) Help keep our creeks and Bay clean by never dumping into a catch basin. Prevent storm drain blockages by keeping leaves and other debris out of streets, gutters and catch basins.

DURING the storm

- 1) Tune in to local radio or television stations for emergency information and instructions.
- 2) Please do NOT call 9-1-1 unless there is an imminent threat to life or another serious emergency. Downed trees and drainage issues can be reported via the phone numbers listed on the reverse side.
- 3) If flooding is likely, and time permits, move valuable household possessions from the floor.
- 4) Do not drive across a flooded road – you could become stranded.

- 5) If your car stalls in rising water, abandon it IMMEDIATELY and seek higher ground if you can do so safely.
- 6) If advised by local authorities to leave your home or perceive the need to do so, move to a safe area before access is cut off or it is otherwise unsafe to leave.
- 7) Do not enter areas blocked off by local authorities.
- 8) Never use a generator inside the house, garage or near windows, as carbon monoxide gas can build up and kill those inside.

AFTER the storm

- 1) If you have evacuated, return home only after authorities advise it is safe to do so. Keep tuned to your local radio and TV stations for recovery information.
- 2) Avoid disaster areas, especially flooded roads and washed-out bridges. Continue to monitor all forms of media to stay informed.
- 3) Use flashlights – NOT lanterns, matches or candles – to examine buildings; flammables may be present.

- 4) Avoid downed power lines and broken gas lines. Report them IMMEDIATELY by calling 9-1-1 and then 1-800-743-5002 (PG&E).
- 5) Do not handle live electrical equipment in wet areas. If electrical equipment or appliances have been in contact with water, have them checked before use.
- 6) Do not use fresh foods or canned goods that have come in contact with floodwaters.
- 7) Follow local instructions regarding the safety of drinking water. If in doubt, boil or purify water before drinking.

LOCAL WINTER STORM PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION

This flyer contains City of Redwood City suggestions for things you and your family can do to prepare for the possibility of flooding.

El Niño Update

The National Weather Service has identified a pattern of elevated sea surface temperatures in the Pacific Ocean, which creates a climatic condition known as El Niño. The Weather Service has predicted a high likelihood that a strong El Niño pattern will persist through next spring. A strong El Niño typically results in above-average rainfall for the Bay Area and the rest of California. It's difficult to predict what this year's winter weather will bring, but as always it is wise to prepare for the possibility of severe winter storms and flooding.

Free Sandbags and Free "Fill Your Own Sandbags"

The City of Redwood City is offering free sandbags and an opportunity to "Fill Your Own Sandbags" for free to

Redwood City residents. Stop by the Public Works Corporation Yard at 1400 Broadway to pick up or fill your own sandbags. This service is available at all hours to residents before and during a storm. For more information or questions, contact Public Works at (650) 780-7464.

Simple Steps for Preparedness

Make a Plan: Develop a plan for your household, business or other organization. This should include contingencies such as having to evacuate with little or no warning, how to reunify with your loved ones, etc.

Build a Kit: Keep needed emergency supplies in your home, at work and in your car.

Stay Informed: Information is critical for you to make good decisions during a crisis. See the Resource List below for various ways to stay informed.

RESOURCE LIST

<p>Redwood City Public Works: (650) 780-7464 1400 Broadway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Fallen Trees <input type="checkbox"/> Flooding <input type="checkbox"/> Sandbags <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Spills <input type="checkbox"/> Blocked Storm Drains 	<p>Online weather information: www.wrh.noaa.gov/mtr</p>	<p>Fire/Police: (650) 780-7118 (non-emergency) 9-1-1 (emergency only)</p>
<p>Sign-up for Emergency Alerts: www.redwoodcity.org/emergencyalerts</p> <hr/> <p>City News: http://www.redwoodcity.org/departments/city-manager/news-room/digital-newsletters</p>	<p>Standing Water: San Mateo County Vector Control (650) 344-8592</p> <p>Power Outage, Gas Leaks: Pacific Gas & Electric 1-800-743-5002 (For Downed Power Lines, call 9-1-1 and then call PG&E)</p>	<p>Flood Zone Information: http://resilience.abag.ca.gov/floods/</p> <p>Road Conditions: Caltrans Traffic info http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/ Caltrans (800) 427-7623</p>