



LOCAL WINTER STORM PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION

IT PAYS TO BE PREPARED

Suggestions for things you and your family can do to prepare for the possibility of flooding.

El Nino 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 Nino. The Weather Service has predicted a high likelihood that a strong El Nino pattern will persist through next spring. A strong El Nino 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.

Are You Ready For The Rain?

If predictions are correct, this winter may be the wettest in a long time. Take some preventative measures now to ensure your vehicle is ready for the rain.

- Consider replacing your wiper blades if over a year old and top off your washer fluid.
- Check your tire tread and pressure. Ensure tires are evenly worn.
- Check your lights to ensure they are working properly.
- Have an emergency kit in the vehicle, include jumper cables and a first aid kit.
- Drive Safely and slow down in wet conditions.
- Turn on your headlights whenever there's bad weather.

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. Sign up for [NIXLE](#) to receive emergency notifications.

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What Supplies Do I Need?

- Water—at least a 3-day supply; one gallon per person per day
- Food—at least a 3-day supply of nonperishable, easy-to-prepare food
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAAWeather Radio, if possible)
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, deed/lease to home, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact Information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map (s) of the area
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Tools/supplies for securing your home
- Extra set of car keys and house keys
- Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes
- Rain gear
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Camera for photos of damage

Healdsburg Community

Alerts: Receive Emergency alerts to your phone, email, etc.:

www.nixle.com or you may text from your phone to 888777 and respond with your zip code.

ARE YOU READY FOR WINTER RAINS?

WINTER STORM PREPAREDNESS TIPS

BEFORE the storm

- Keep copies of insurance policies, important documents as well as other valuables in a safe place and in a water resistant container. Consider a safe-deposit box for critical documents or items.
- Consider purchasing flood insurance coverage for homeowners or renters.
- Store emergency supplies and contact information in a handy location at work and home. Consider storing some items in your car as well.
- Discuss emergency plans with your family. Don't forget to include your pets in your plan.
- Build an "Emergency Kit" and make a family Communications Plan. An emergency kit will serve you well in a storm, an earthquake or any other disaster scenario. Visit the following websites for more information on preparing your emergency kit and your communications plan: www.redcross.org, www.fema.gov, or www.calema.ca.gov
- Keep your car fueled and some cash on hand. If electric power is cut off, filling stations and ATM's might not be able to operate.
- Consider keeping some water proofing materials handy for emergency repairs, including sandbags, plastic sheeting, plywood or lumber, duct tape, etc.
- Prevent storm drain blockages by keeping leaves and other debris out of streets, gutters, storm drains and catch basins.

DURING the storm

- Tune to local radio or television stations for emergency information and instructions.
- 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 **Utility Response Hotline (707) 431-7000 or (855) 755-6586**.
- Limit your travel and stay home or in a safe location during storms.
- Avoid areas that are subject to sudden flooding.
- Do not drive across a flooded road or around barricades - you could become stranded.
- Avoid unnecessary trips. If you must travel during the storm, dress in warm, loose layers of clothing. Advise others of your destination and estimated arrival time.
- Keep pets inside and ensure they have shelter from the storm.

AFTER the storm

- Stay tuned to your local radio or television for information and instructions.
- Use flashlights—NOT lanterns, matches or candles—to examine buildings; flammables may be present.
- Follow local instructions regarding the safety of drinking water. If in doubt, boil or purify water before drinking.
- Avoid disaster areas; your presence could hamper rescue and other emergency operations, and you may be in danger.
- Do not use water that could be contaminated to wash dishes, brush teeth, prepare food, wash hands, make ice or make baby formula.
- If you smell natural or propane gas or hear a hissing noise, leave immediately and call **9-1-1**. Avoid downed power lines - report downed electrical lines and broken gas lines immediately by calling **9-1-1**.

**In the Event of Power or Electrical Outage:
Call the Utility Response Hotline @
(707) 431-7000 or (855) 755-6586**