

Are You Prepared for Winter?



Winter is just around the corner. Take some preventative measures now to ensure yourself, loved ones and your home are prepared for winter weather.

Inside

- Conduct annual reviews of your property or rental insurance to understand and address coverage needs, and ask about flood insurance or coverage for sewer/drain backup.
- Complete a detailed home inventory of your possessions and keep in a safe place away from your home.
- Check smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors and change batteries at least once a year; replace units every ten years.
- Have your fireplace chimney cleaned.
- Have instructions and tools to turn off gas, electricity and water.

Outdoors

- Clean leaves and debris out of gutters and away from storm drains to prevent flooding.
- Trim shrubbery away from siding to prevent insect and moisture damage.
- Replace weather stripping and caulk that has lost contact with surfaces.



Prepare your Vehicle

- 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.

Sign Up for



Sign up for emergency notifications and alerts directly to email and text message regarding emergency situations including; public safety, road closures, sandbag distribution locations and important city advisories. Go to www.nixle.com or text your zip code to **888777** today! Check the City of Healdsburg website for detailed information on emergency events @ www.cityofhealdsburg.org

What Emergency 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 with extra batteries
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, deed/lease to home, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Family and emergency contact Information
- Extra cash
- Warm blankets and extra clothing
- Map (s) of the area
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- Comfort items for children (toys, books)
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Tools/supplies for securing your home
- Extra set of car and house keys

The City of Healdsburg Public Works Department provides a limited supply of sandbags to residents free of charge **during potential flood events**. Check the city website for distribution locations.

After a flood, property owners are responsible for removing sandbags. Sandbags can also be purchased at many local hardware stores in advance.



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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.

Winter Storm Preparedness Tips

BEFORE the storm

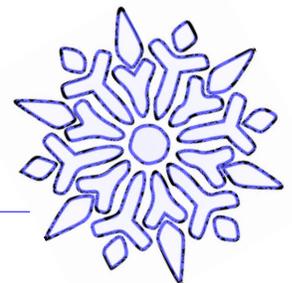
- Keep copies of insurance policies, important documents as well as other valuables in a safe place and in a water resistant container. Consider a safe-deposit box for critical documents or items.
- Store emergency supplies and contact information in a handy location at work and home. Consider storing some items in your car as well.
- Discuss emergency plans with your family and those with those with disabilities.
- 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.caloes.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.
- Don't forget your furry friends in your plan. Make sure they can get out of the cold and wet.

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 a one in your car.

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