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Oakland Public Works Crews Prepare for Wet Weather Sandbags Available to Residents & Businesses – Volunteers Needed

Oakland, CA – In preparation for the start of the rainy season, the City of Oakland's Public Works Agency is taking proactive measures to prepare for wet weather. During the last few months crews have been removing debris from storm drains and have deployed maintenance crews to address other storm-related issues. In addition, there are opportunities available for volunteers to assist during the rainy season (see below). Oakland Public Works is proud to be of service to the community.

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Beginning November 7, 2011 a maximum of 20 sandbags and 50 feet of plastic sheeting (per household/business) will be available for pickup at the City's Municipal Service Center and the Public Works Drainage Maintenance Satellite Office. Proof of Oakland residency is required to obtain the sandbags and sheeting. Oakland Fire Stations will join in storm preparations for our community by distributing sandbags to residents. A limit of five sandbags (per household) will be available for pickup at the Fire Stations. Please see below for addresses and distribution hours.

During the winter months, just before an expected storm, Public Works may extend service hours to make sandbags and plastic sheeting available to residents and businesses to help them protect their properties from storm-related damage.

How Residents Can Help

- Check & clean your private drainage systems, including roof gutters & downspouts.
- Keep your curb & gutters free of leaves & debris.
- Do not place leaves, debris or lawn clippings near storm drains.
- Place leaves & green trimmings in your green cart for weekly pickup.
- Keep natural waterways such as creeks & ditches free from obstructions.
- Do not obstruct access to storm drain inlets with your vehicle(s).
- Report flooding problems to the Public Works Call Center at **(510) 615-5566**.
- Adopt A Spot with a 'Maintain A Drain' project in your neighborhood by calling (510) 238-7630.

Volunteer Opportunities

Public Works is also renewing its call for volunteers to join the Adopt A Spot campaign with Maintain A Drain. Residents and merchants in Oakland can help prevent flooding by keeping a storm drain in their neighborhood free of debris. In exchange, the City will give volunteers a free set of

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rain gear, a rake and debris bags. By keeping storm drains clean, volunteers can help the City focus storm-response activities on the most critical storm-related problems. Remember, "If it is plugged, it will flood." To join the Adopt A Spot campaign, volunteers should call (510) 238-7630.

Sandbags (up to 20) & plastic sheeting (up to 50 feet) can be picked up at the following locations & times when inclement weather is forecasted:

Municipal Service Center – 7101 Edgewater Drive

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

After Hours (in front of entry gate) 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Maintenance Satellite Office – 5921 Shepherd Canyon Road

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

After Hours (in front of entry gate) 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.
(before inclement weather)

Sandbags (up to 5) can be picked up at the following locations & times when inclement weather is forecasted:

Fire Station Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Fire Station # 3	1445 -14 th St.
Fire Station # 6	7080 Colton Blvd.
Fire Station # 7	1006 Amito Ave.
Fire Station # 8	463 - 51 st St.
Fire Station # 10	172 Santa Clara Ave.
Fire Station # 16	3608 -13 th Ave.
Fire Station # 17	3344 High St.
Fire Station # 20	1408 - 98 th Ave.
Fire Station # 21	13150 Skyline Blvd.
Fire Station # 26	2611 - 98 th Ave.
Fire Station # 28	4615 Grass Valley Rd.

In an emergency or to report storm damage, Oakland residents should call the Public Works Agency Call Center at **(510) 615-5566**.

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