



## News from: Oakland Public Works Agency

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## Wet Weather Comes to Oakland

Public Works Offers Sandbags and "Adopt a Drain"!

**Oakland, CA** – Thank goodness the much-needed rain is here! Oakland's Public Works Agency is taking proactive measures to make sure our city is ready to absorb all the moisture it can get. Crews are removing debris from storm drains, inlets, culverts, creeks and drainage structures to prevent standing water and flooding. Opportunities for volunteers to assist in these efforts are also available.

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The Public Works Agency supplies residents and businesses with sandbags (a maximum of 20) and plastic sheeting (50 feet per household/business) to help avoid flooding and drainage issues. They are available for pickup at the City's Municipal Service Center and the Public Works Drainage Division facility, and select Oakland Fire Stations have a limit of five bags per person. Proof of Oakland residency is required. Please see below for addresses and distribution hours.

Please drive safely with the slick roads and reduced visibility. Be sure to turn on your lights when your wipers are on! If you see and flooded streets or trees that have come down, please call our Call Center. To report an emergency situation related to the rain after regular work hours, call (510) 615-5566 and dial "0" to be connected to Oakland Fire Dispatch.

### 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**.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Public Works has a call out for volunteers to join the Adopt a Drain program and keep a storm drain in your neighborhood free of debris. To adopt one or more of the City's 10,000+ storm drains, visit the new website [adoptadrainoakland.com](http://adoptadrainoakland.com), enter an address and choose the drain(s) you would like to adopt. Adopters can also alert the City of any necessary maintenance issues so the City may respond rapidly to preempt damage or flooding.

Public Works will support adopters by providing supplies and debris bags, if needed, to get the job done. Remember, “if it is plugged, it will flood.” To adopt a storm drain, visit [oaklandadoptspot.org](http://oaklandadoptspot.org) or 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.

**Drainage Division Facility, 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 these Fire Stations 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<sup>th</sup> St.

Fire Station # 6, 7080 Colton Blvd.

Fire Station # 7, 1006 Amito Ave.

Fire Station # 8, 463 - 51<sup>st</sup> St.

Fire Station # 10, 172 Santa Clara Ave.

Fire Station # 16, 3608 -13<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Fire Station # 17, 3344 High St.

Fire Station # 20, 1408 - 98<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Fire Station # 21, 13150 Skyline Blvd.

Fire Station # 26, 2611 - 98<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Fire Station # 28, 4615 Grass Valley Rd.

**Report a Problem:**

Anyone can report storm drain and other City maintenance needs via the

**Public Works Call Center:**

- Phone: (510) 615-5566
- Email: [pwacallcenter@oaklandnet.com](mailto:pwacallcenter@oaklandnet.com)
- Mobile app: SeeClickFix
- Website: [www.oaklandpw.com](http://www.oaklandpw.com)