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Oakland Public Works Crews Prepare for Wet Weather

Sandbags Available to Residents & Businesses

Oakland, CA – In preparation for the coming season, Oakland Public Works is taking proactive measures to get ready for wet weather. Annually, Public Works crews remove debris from storm drains, inlets, culverts, creeks and drainage structures in preparation for the winter months. There are also opportunities for volunteers to assist during the rainy season.

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Throughout the winter, 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 Division facility; select Oakland Fire Stations will have a limit of five bags per person. Proof of Oakland residency is required. Please see below for addresses and distribution hours.

Additionally, before an expected rain event, Public Works may extend service hours to make sandbags and plastic sheeting available to residents and businesses to help them protect their properties from weather-related damage. Please visit www.oaklandpw.com for updates.

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 Public Works Call Center at **(510) 615-5566**.

Volunteer Opportunities

Public Works is renewing its call for volunteers to join the Oakland Adopt a Spot program and keep a storm drain in their neighborhood free of debris. By keeping storm drains clean, volunteers can help prevent flooding of streets and sidewalks while allowing the City to focus storm-response activities on the most critical problems. Public Works will support volunteer adopters with supplies and debris bags, should they need them to get the job done. Remember, "if it is plugged, it will flood." To adopt a storm drain, visit adoptadrainoakland.com or oaklandadoptaspot.org or call (510) 238-7630.

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

In an emergency or to report storm damage, Oakland residents should call the Oakland Public Works Call Center at **(510) 615-5566**. Please also visit our website for more information about Oakland Public Works at oaklandpw.com.

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