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## Oakland Encourages Residents and Businesses to Prepare for El Niño Storm Safety with “How To” Videos

**Oakland, CA** – The City of Oakland encourages residents and businesses to prepare for El Niño and strong winter storms. Three “how to” videos produced by the City provide quick, usable information about some specific, important steps to prepare for storms:

- Building and using sandbags to protect against storm runoff and flooding
- Using plastic sheeting as an additional barrier
- Signing up for the City’s Adopt a Drain program to help prevent storm drain blockages and flooding

All three videos are available online, along with additional information about storm safety and preparation, at [www.oaklandnet.com/ElNino](http://www.oaklandnet.com/ElNino). We are asking the media to share and post these three public service announcements as part of your coverage of the winter weather.

El Niño is expected to bring winter storms significantly larger than normal, as well as the potential for flooding and other storm damage. Oaklanders need to work together to prepare and keep our city safe. It is vitally important that residents and businesses take steps to prepare for winter storms, and these videos show some effective steps to take.

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