



## Storm Preparation Tips

1	<b>Sign-up for Emergency Alerts</b> and Notifications by visiting <a href="http://smc.gov.org/ceo/smc-alert">smc.gov.org/ceo/smc-alert</a> or by texting your zipcode to 888777.
2	<b>Plan in advance to assist your neighbors</b> or have them help you. Visit neighbors and get their phone numbers and other contact information. Conduct an inventory of who on your street may need help and be in contact with them before an emergency occurs (elderly residents, families with young kids, people with limited mobility or medical conditions, etc.).
3	<b>Clear gutters and catch basins of debris and leaves.</b> Inspect nearby storm drains and remove debris that may be blocking the flow of water.
4	For people with natural creek beds on their property, <b>clear creek beds of debris.</b> If you can, inspect any nearby creeks or ditches and remove debris that may block the flow of water.
5	<b>Build a Storm Kit:</b> Keep needed emergency supplies in your home, at work, and in your car and discuss emergency plans with your family. Supplies should include at least: First aid kit and essential medicines, food (packaged, dried, canned and for special diets), non-electric can opener, cash (ATMs may not work), portable radio, flashlights and extra batteries (stored in water-tight plastic bag), drinking water stored in closed, clean containers (allow 1 gallon per person per day for at least 3 days).
6	<b>Build a sandbag wall</b> to channel water to a drain or gutter. Sandbags can also be placed near the bottoms of doors or around other low lying areas of a property (garages, driveways, etc.) Sandbags are available at 1400 Broadway.
7	<b>Have plywood, plastic sheeting, and other emergency building materials</b> (screws, clamps, etc.) available in advance and keep handy for waterproofing. These materials can be used to seal around doors or windows in the event flooding occurs.

## During/After a Storm

1	<b>Don't walk or drive in flooded areas.</b> It's hard to tell how deep water is by just looking at it and the waters may also contain sharp debris or chemicals.
2	Wear <b>boots and gloves</b> when working in areas that have been flooded.
3	<b>DO NOT TURN GAS BACK ON YOURSELF.</b> Call your city utilities for service.
4	<b>Don't handle live electrical equipment</b> in wet areas. Be sure the <b>main electrical switch is off</b> before entering a flooded structure. If you have concerns about electrical wiring, power lines or equipment on your property, call (650) 496-6914 to verify the safety.

See [more tips](#) from San Mateo County on how to safely return to flooded areas.

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## North Fair Oaks and Redwood City

Check for **updates** from the City on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

**Sandbags** are available at 1400 Broadway and at Grant Corporation Yard, [752 Chestnut Road](#) (for NFO residents).

### Important phone numbers:

- For fallen trees, sewer spills, or blocked storm drains, call Redwood City Public Works: **(650) 780-7464**
- For downed power lines, call 911 first and then call PG&E at **(800) 743-5000**
- For road condition information, call Caltrans: **(800) 427-7623**
- For non-emergency fire/police: **(650) 780-7118**

## East Palo Alto

Visit the [City's website](#) or [Facebook](#) for latest **updates** and information.

**Sandbags** available at 1925 Embarcadero Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94303 (Palo Alto Airport) (Drive on Embarcadero Rd and turn left at the stop sign) and at [150 Tara St.](#)

### Important phone numbers:

- Public Works: **(650) 853-3189**
- For downed power lines, call **911** first and then call PG&E at **(800) 743-5000**
- For road condition information, call Caltrans: **(800) 427-7623**
- For non-emergency fire/police: **(650) 321-1112**

## **Belle Haven and Menlo Park**

Visit the City's [website](#) for the latest **information** and updates on the storm.

**Sand and empty bags** (bring a shovel) can be found at

- [Burgess Park parking lot at Alma Street and Burgess Drive](#)
- [Menlo Park Fire Station No. 77 at 1467 Chilco St.](#)
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Important phone numbers:

- For blocked storm drains, sink holes, landslides, levee damage and fallen trees, call Public Works at **(650) 330-6780** weekdays from 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. and at **(650) 330-6300** after hours.
- For gas leaks and power outages, call [PG&E](#) at **(800) 743-5000** and check their [outage map](#) online.
- For sewer problems, call [West Bay Sanitary District](#) at **(650) 321-0384**.
- For road condition information, call Caltrans: **(800) 427-7623**
- Police non-emergency line: **(650) 330-6300**

## **Other Sandbag Locations in San Mateo County**

San Mateo County lists cities offering free sandbags. Many have different limits, requirements and offerings, so it is recommended that residents check their city's rules.

*Belmont:* Belmont Corp Yard, [110 Sem Lane](#)

*Colma:* Town Corporation Yard, [601 F St.](#)

*Daly City:* Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant, [153 Lake Merced Blvd.](#)

*Foster City:* Foster City Hall, [610 Foster City Blvd.](#)

*Half Moon Bay:* City Hall, [501 Main St.](#)

*Hillsborough:* Central County Fire Department Hillsborough Station 33, [33 Chateau Drive](#)

*Millbrae:* [511 Magnolia Ave.](#)

*Pacifica:* Behind the Linda Mar Fire Station, [1100 Linda Mar Blvd.](#)

*San Bruno:* Behind Fire Station 51, [555 El Camino Real](#)

*San Carlos:* [1000 Branston Road](#)

*San Mateo:* [1949 Pacific Blvd.](#)

*South San Francisco:* Public works building, [550 North Canal Street](#)

*Woodside:* Town Hall, [2955 Woodside Road](#)

San Mateo County also has [four locations in which residents of unincorporated San Mateo County](#) can pick up no more than 15 pre-filled sandbags:

*Half Moon Bay:* Princeton Corporation Yard, [203 Cornell Avenue](#)

*Redwood City:* Grant Corporation Yard, [752 Chestnut Road](#)

*La Honda:* La Honda Corporation Yard, [59 Entrada Way](#)

*Pescadero:* Pescadero High School, [350 Butano Cutoff Road](#)

Information about how to place sandbags is available at [valleywater.org/flooding-safety/flood-ready/sandbags](http://valleywater.org/flooding-safety/flood-ready/sandbags)