



## ***NEWS FROM*** **OAKLAND PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY**

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### **Oakland Public Works Crews Ready for Wet Weather**

**Sandbags and Plastic Sheeting Offered to Residents and Businesses – Volunteers Needed**

**Oakland, CA** – In anticipation of stormy weather in the coming days, the Oakland Public Works Agency is taking proactive measures to prepare. Crews have been working to remove debris from storm drains and maintenance crews will be deployed to address other storm-related issues. In addition, there are opportunities available for volunteers to assist during the rainy season (see below).

Residents can take steps to minimize erosion and flooding on their properties. Sandbags (maximum of 20 per household/business) and plastic sheeting (50 feet) 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 and clean private drainage systems.
- Do not place leaves, debris or lawn clippings near storm drains.
- Place leaves and green trimmings in your green cart for weekly recycling pickup.
- Keep natural waterways such as creeks and ditches free from obstructions.
- Report flooding problems to the Public Works Call Center at (510) 615-5566.
- Volunteer with a 'Maintain-A-Drain' project in your neighborhood and call 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 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) and plastic sheeting (up to 50 feet) can be picked up at the following locations and times when inclement weather is forecasted:**

### **MUNICIPAL SERVICE CENTER – 7101 EDGEWATER DRIVE**

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Saturday and 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 and 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 <sup>th</sup> St.
Fire Station #6	7080 Colton Blvd.
Fire Station #7	1006 Amigo Ave.
Fire Station #8	463 - 51 <sup>st</sup> St.
Fire Station #10	172 Santa Clara Ave.
Fire Station #12	822 Alice St.
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 #25	2795 Butters Dr.
Fire Station #26	2611 - 98 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
Fire Station #28	4615 Grass Valley Rd.
Fire Station #29	1016 66 <sup>th</sup> Ave.

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