

EMERGENCY PREPARATION

This winter, heavy rain, high wind and power outages may occur. There are several things each resident can do to prepare for these conditions. The following tips have been taken from various local, state and federal publications.

HEAVY RAIN (Before it starts)

- **Clean gutters**
- **Position down spouts so drainage is away from your home and your neighbor's home**
- **Check your roof and skylights for leaks**
- **Check your windows and exterior doors for leaks**
- **Buy sandbags (Home Depot has sand bags and sand) The Laguna Lake golf course will have sand available in their parking lot if 2-3 inches or more of rain is forecast.**
- **Have buckets to catch drips from leaks**
- **Have towels to mop up leaks**
- **Have good rain gear, water proof gloves and boots**
- **Have heavy plastic sheeting or a shower curtain and duct tape to cover a broken window or skylight**
- **Have a shovel or heavy broom to help keep street drains cleared. Contact Mark at 805-543-5500 to report plugged drains or other park problems**
- **Have access to a step ladder**
- **Have a wrench or pliers to turn off utilities should it be necessary.**
- **Know where your water, gas and electric shut off connections are located.**

HIGH WIND (Before it starts)

- **Remove tree limbs that could damage your roof or break a window**
- **Have a tree branch saw (or chain saw) or know someone who does**
- **Have heavy plastic bags to clean up debris that can blow into your yard**
- **Tie down or place your lawn/deck furniture, etc. inside**

POWER OUTAGE (Before it happens)

- **Have at least one centrally located plug-in emergency light which illuminates when electric power fails (Home Depot, for example, carries them for \$10-15)**
- **Put fresh batteries in your flashlights, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms**
- **Store extra batteries in a water-tight bag**
- **Have a battery powered radio (with fresh batteries)**
- **Have a battery powered lantern (safer than candles)**
- **Have extra cash on hand. ATM's might not be working**
- **Keep car gas tank at least half full. Gas pumps might not be working.**
- **Keep cell phone charged and have an extra cell phone battery (charged) and charger**
- **If no cell phone, have hard-wired phone service from the phone company (Cable phones won't work if power is out)**
- **Have warm clothing/blankets available. Furnace fan might not work**
- **Stay away from downed power lines**
- **Know how to open your garage door manually**
- **Report/get info on power outages from PG&E 1-800-743-5002**

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Have 3 gallons of bottled water per person on hand (Your water heater is an emergency water source)**
- **Have non-perishable food on hand. Have a non-electric can opener**
- **Have at least a one week supply of medications**
- **Have a first aid kit**
- **Have an evacuation kit prepared in case you have to leave home on short notice**
- **Have hand sanitizer, moist towelettes, and garbage bags with plastic ties for personal sanitation**
- **Have pet food, extra water, and supplies for your pet or service animal**
- **Keep insurance-policies, important documents and other valuables in a safe deposit box**
- **Have emergency contact information readily available (Include Insurance Co. phone number)**
- **If you want flood insurance it must be in force for 30 days before damage is incurred**
- **Have an extra set of car keys and house keys. Put new windshield wiper blades on your car**
- **Arrange with neighbors for mutual support. Watch out for neighbors who may need extra assistance. Do not wait until the last minute to ask for assistance or to offer help.**

CAUTIONS

- **Use battery powered lanterns, flashlights, or head lamps rather than candles**
- **Do not use your gas stove or grills to heat your house**
- **Do not walk through flowing water that is above your ankles. Water as low as 6 inches could sweep you off your feet**
- **Do not drive over a flooded road. Most cars can be swept away by less than two feet of flowing water**
- **Do not handle live electrical equipment in wet areas.**
- **Avoid downed power lines**

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