



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

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### **OAKLAND PUBLIC WORKS CREWS READY FOR WINTER WEATHER Sandbags and Plastic Sheeting Offered to Residents and Businesses Volunteers Needed**

**Oakland, CA** – In preparation for the winter rainy season in the Bay Area, the City of Oakland's Public Works Agency is taking proactive measures to prepare for the wet weather. During the last couple of months they have been working to remove debris from storm drains and have deployed extra maintenance crews to address other storm-related issues. In addition, there are opportunities available for volunteers to assist during the rainy season (see below). The Public Works Agency is proud to be of service to the Oakland community.

Beginning October 16, 2007, a maximum of 20 sandbags and 25 feet of plastic sheeting (per household/business) will be available for pickup at the City's Municipal Service Center and the PWA 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 Oakland residents. A limit of 5 sandbags (per household) will be available for pickup at the Fire Stations.

During the winter months, when inclement weather is forecasted, the Public Works Agency extends its service hours to make sandbags and plastic sheeting available to residents and businesses to help them protect their properties from storm-related damage. Please see below for Service Centers and Fire Station addresses and hours of distribution.

#### **How Residents Can Help**

- Check and clean private drainage systems.
- Place leaves and green trimmings in your Green Cart for weekly recycling pickup.  
Do not place leaves, debris or lawn clippings near storm drains.
- Keep natural waterways such as creeks and ditches free from obstructions.
- Report flooding problems to the Public Works Agency's Call Center at 615-5566.
- Maintain-A-Drain in your neighborhood or commercial district.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

The Public Works Agency is also renewing its call for volunteers to join its **Maintain-A-Drain Campaign**. 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 **Maintain-A-Drain Campaign**, volunteers should call (510) 238-7630 or visit us online at [www.oaklandpw.com/Page292.aspx](http://www.oaklandpw.com/Page292.aspx).

When inclement weather is forecasted, sandbags (up to 20) and plastic sheeting (up to 25 feet) can be picked up at the following locations and times:

**MUNICIPAL SERVICE CENTER**

Monday – Friday  
Saturday and Sunday

**7101 EDGEWATER DR.**

8:00 a.m.– 9:00 p.m.  
8:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

**MAINTENANCE SATELLITE OFFICE**

Monday – Friday  
Saturday and Sunday

**5921 SHEPHERD CANYON RD.**

8:00 a.m.– 9:00 p.m.  
8:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

When inclement weather is forecasted, sandbags (up to 5) can be picked up at the following locations and times:

**OAKLAND FIRE STATIONS**

Monday – Friday  
Saturday and Sunday

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

FIRE STATION NUMBER 3	1445 – 14 <sup>TH</sup> ST.
FIRE STATION NUMBER 6	7080 COLTON BLVD.
FIRE STATION NUMBER 7	1006 AMITO AVE.
FIRE STATION NUMBER 8	463 – 51 <sup>ST</sup> ST.
FIRE STATION NUMBER 10	172 SANTA CLARA AVE.
FIRE STATION NUMBER 12	822 ALICE ST.
FIRE STATION NUMBER 16	3608 – 13 <sup>TH</sup> AVE.
FIRE STATION NUMBER 17	3344 HIGH ST.
FIRE STATION NUMBER 20	1408 – 98 <sup>TH</sup> AVE.
FIRE STATION NUMBER 21	13150 SKYLINE BLVD.
FIRE STATION NUMBER 24	5900 SHEPHERD CANYON RD.
FIRE STATION NUMBER 25	2795 BUTTERS DR.
FIRE STATION NUMBER 26	2611 – 98 <sup>TH</sup> AVE.
FIRE STATION NUMBER 28	4615 GRASS VALLEY RD.
FIRE STATION NUMBER 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.