

# Are You PREPARED for Winter?

Winter is just around the corner. Take preventative measures now to ensure you, your loved ones and your home are prepared for winter weather.

## Inside

- Conduct annual reviews of your property or rental insurance to understand and address coverage needs, and ask about flood insurance or coverage for sewer/drain back-up.
- Complete a detailed home inventory of your possessions and keep in a safe place away from your home.
- Check smoke detectors and carbon-monoxide detectors and change batteries at least once a year; replace units every 10 years.
- Clean your fireplace chimney.
- Keep instructions and tools to turn off gas, electricity and water.

## Outdoors

- Clean leaves and debris out of gutters and away from storm drains to prevent flooding.
- Trim shrubbery away from siding to prevent insect and moisture damage.
- Replace weather stripping and caulk that has lost contact with surfaces.

## Prepare your Vehicle

- Consider replacing your wiper blades if over a year old and top off your washer fluid.
- Check your tire tread and pressure. Ensure tires are evenly worn.

## Simple Steps For Preparedness

- **Make a Plan:** Develop a plan for your family, business or other organization. It should include contingencies such as evacuating with little or no warning and reuniting with loved ones if you get separated.
- **Get a Kit:** Keep emergency supplies in your home, at work and in your car.
- **Have Emergency Water Supply:** Include **WATER** 1 Gallon per person per day - *Minimum!*

## Sign Up for



Get text and email alerts regarding emergency situations including road closures, and important city advisories. Sign up for emergency notifications: Go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) or text your zip code to **888777** today! Check the City of Healdsburg website for detailed information on emergency events: [www.cityofhealdsburg.org](http://www.cityofhealdsburg.org)

## What Emergency Supplies Do I Need?

**I** Water—at least a 3-day supply; one gallon per person per day

**I** Food—at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food

**I** Flashlight with extra batteries

**I** Battery-powered or hand-crank radio

**I** First-aid kit

**I** Medications (7-day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)

**I** Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, deed/lease to home, birth certificates, insurance policies)

**I** Family and emergency contact information

**I** Extra cash

**I** Warm blankets and extra clothing

**I** Map(s) of the area

**I** Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)

**I** Comfort items for children (toys, books)

**I** Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)

**I** Tools/supplies for securing your home

**I** Extra set of car and house keys

## MAKE A KIT!



**STAY INFORMED TO COMMUNITY ALERTS:** Get emergency alerts via text message and email. Sign up at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) or you may text 888777 from your cell phone and respond with your zip code.



## BEFORE the storm:

- Keep copies of insurance policies, important documents, and other valuables in a safe place and in a water-resistant container. Consider a safe-deposit box for critical documents or items.
- Store emergency supplies and contact information in a handy location at work and home. Consider storing some items in your car as well.
- Discuss emergency plans with your family and those with those with disabilities.
- Build an emergency kit and make a family communications plan. An emergency kit will serve you well in a storm, earthquake or any other disaster. Visit these websites for more information: [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org), [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov), or [www.caloes.ca.gov](http://www.caloes.ca.gov)
- Keep your car fueled and have some cash on hand. If electric power is cut off, gas stations and ATMs may not operate.
- Consider keeping some water-proofing materials handy for emergency repairs, including sandbags, plastic sheeting, plywood or lumber, duct tape, etc.
- Prevent storm drain blockages by keeping leaves and other debris out of streets, gutters, storm drains and catch basins.
- Don't forget your furry friends in your plan. Make sure they can get out of the cold and wet.

## DURING the storm:

- Tune to local radio or television stations for emergency information and instructions.
- Please do NOT call 9-1-1 unless there is an imminent threat to life or another serious emergency. Downed trees and drainage issues can be reported via the **Utility Response Hotline (707) 431-7000 or (855) 755-6586.**
- Avoid unnecessary trips. Limit your travel and stay home or in a safe location during storms.
- Avoid areas that are subject to sudden flooding.
- Do not drive across a flooded road or around barricades - you could become stranded.
- If you must travel during the storm, dress in warm, loose layers of clothing. Advise others of your destination and estimated arrival time.
- Keep pets inside and ensure they have shelter from the storm.



## AFTER the storm

- Stay tuned to your local radio or television for information and instructions.
- Use flashlights—NOT lanterns, matches or candles—to examine buildings; flammables may be present.
- Follow local instructions regarding the safety of drinking water. If in doubt, boil or purify water before drinking.
- Avoid disaster areas; your presence could hamper rescue and other emergency operations, and you may be in danger.
- Don't use water that could be contaminated to wash dishes and hands, brush teeth, prepare food, make ice or baby formula.
- If you smell natural or propane gas or hear a hissing noise, leave immediately and call **9-1-1**.
- Avoid downed power lines - report downed electrical lines and broken gas lines immediately by calling **9-1-1**.
- DO NOT TURN GAS BACK ON YOURSELF. Call PG & E at 1-800-743-5000

**In the Event of Power or Electrical Outage:**  
Call the **Utility Response Hotline:**  
**(707) 431-7000 or (855) 755-6586**