

# BEFORE THE STORM

## Preparing for The Winter Storm Season:

- Create an EMERGENCY PLAN for your family ([ready.acgov.org](http://ready.acgov.org) or [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov))
- Assess storm/flood risk for your property
- Schedule home repairs now (roofs, doors, windows)
- Review, update or purchase flood insurance policies
- Store emergency supplies (first aid kit, essential medicines, cash, food, non-electric can opener, portable radio, flashlights, and spare batteries) in air-tight bags and in handy locations
- Clear drains and rain gutters to make sure they are clear of debris.
- Inspect your property and maintain your drainage systems. Align downspouts.
- Trim trees and landscaping as needed to ensure branches and limbs are away from your structure and powerlines.
- Keep leaves and yard trimmings out of storm drains and gutters.
- Install surge protectors on sensitive electrical equipment Turn off automatic sprinklers.
- Don't store hazardous materials in areas that may be subject to flooding.
- Purchase empty or pre-filled sandbags
- Install sandbags to create temporary barriers as needed.
- Sign up to receive road closure and storm impact emails through the Public Works Agency's website ([www.acgov.org/pwa](http://www.acgov.org/pwa))

