



WINTER PLANNING RESOURCES

From Marin County Office of Education



Strong storms that move across the San Francisco region can be anticipated every winter. They typically bring heavy rain, strong winds, sporadic power outages and flooding.

Here are some steps to prepare for heavy rain and floods:

- Clean out leaves that are clogging storm drains.
- Clean drains around the buildings, including gutters, downspouts, ditches and culverts.
- Acquire sandbags, if needed (see locations below).
- Inspect the school property for erosion.
- Check valves in sewer traps to prevent flood waters from backing up into sewer drains.
- Stockpile emergency building materials like plywood, plastic sheeting, pry bars and shovels.
- Check all battery-operated radio equipment and flashlights.

During the Winter Recess in December, we recommend the following steps:

- Update your offsite emergency contact lists
- Make a periodic check of the school facilities
- Shut down all computers, monitors, printers and copiers.
- Use a surge protector for any electronic equipment that must remain turned on.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

- To report flooding on roads in Marin County, call (415) 499-7539
- To report flooding after 5:00 pm or on weekends, call (415) 499-7237
- To report a power outage or downed line: Call 911 then notify PGE: 1-800-743-5002

ONLINE RESOURCES

- **Office of Emergency Services - Current Emergency Information**
http://www.marinsheriff.org/about_emergency.aspx?gi_id=45
 - **PGE Storms and Outages**
<http://www.pge.com/en/safety/naturaldisaster/stormsoutagessafety/index.page>
 - **National Weather Service Forecast Office for the San Francisco Region**
<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/mtr/>
 - **Winter Storm Information Sheet**
<http://www.marinsheriff.org/uploads/documents/Winter%20Storm%20Information%20Sheet.pdf>
 - **Sand and Sandbag Locations in Marin County**
 - Shamrock Materials (415) 455-1575
 - Pini Hardware (415) 892-1577
 - Goodman (415) 388-6233
 - Martin Bros (415) 388-2025
 - Water Components (415) 451-1780
- For emergency use <http://marinsheriff.org/uploads/578.pdf> (December 2010)
- **Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District - Real-Time Rainfall, Creek Stage and Weather Data**
<http://marin.onerain.com/home.php>