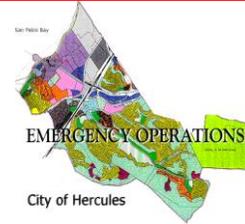


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The National Weather Service has advised the following: “A significant winter storm is expected to bring rain, thunderstorms, wind and associated hazards to the Bay Area. The storm is expected to begin Wednesday night and last into Thursday night. The storm will cause travel difficulties, dangerous conditions on the area waters, the potential for flooding, and downed trees and power lines across the Bay Area.”

The City of Hercules suggests all residents take reasonable precautions to prepare for this storm. For more information please go to the Hercules Police Department website and click on Emergency Preparedness.

- 1) Have plenty of flashlights and batteries on hand (candles are not recommended)
- 2) Make sure your cell phone (and standby battery) is fully charged at all times
- 3) Have food sources which can be consumed without cooking
- 4) Have blankets and warm clothing available
- 5) Do not use BBQ's, or propane cooking (or heating) devices inside the home
- 6) Stay off the roads when possible
- 7) Do not drive through standing water, you never know how deep it really is
- 8) Be careful of downed trees and power lines and do not touch any downed wires
- 9) Clear away any and all debris around sewer drains
- 10) If you have had previous flooding, or are in a low lying area, have sand bags available
- 11) Avoid driving through large bodies of water or fast moving water. If you see a road blocked by barricades or the police do not attempt to drive around.
- 12) Know alternate routes to and from your residence.

City of Hercules Sand Bag Location Information

During rainy months, sandbag stations are available at City Hall and the Hercules Community Center. These locations are stocked with sand, a shovel, and empty sandbags. The "fill-your-own" sandbag station is located at:

- City Hall (111 Civic Drive, Hercules, California, 94547), located in the City Hall parking lot.
- Hercules Community Center (2001 Refugio Valley road, Hercules 94547) Located in the parking lot.

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Residents must provide their own transportation. The winter storms are here! **BE PREPARED!**

How to Use Sandbags

- Fill sandbags one-half full. Fold the top of the sandbag down and rest the bag on its folded top. Sandbags should be placed tightly together and tamped down to ensure they are firm.

- Free standing barriers should be limited to three layers of sandbags, and each layer should be stacked so that the sandbags are offset from the layer below it. If there is water flow, the folded end of the sandbag should be placed towards the direction of the water flow so that the sand will not leach out.

- If the sandbag barrier is adjacent to a building, lay a plastic sheet between the building and the sandbag barrier. The plastic sheet should be placed underneath the bottom row of the sandbag barrier and extend behind the barrier and up the wall or door. Since the sandbag barrier is against a solid surface, it can be built up to two feet high. As mentioned above, sandbags should be placed tightly together and tamped into place with off-setting rows. The sandbag barrier should also extend on both sides beyond the area you are protecting.

In preparation to the predicted storm event, Public Works crews have been cleaning catch basins and storm culverts over the last several days. They are prepared to respond to emergencies during non-working hours if needed and will be monitoring areas that have been prone to flooding in the past.

The City of Hercules Emergency Operations Division is prepared to respond to any and all incidents and has stock piled equipment and supplies to handle these types of events.