



ARE YOU PREPARED TO WEATHER THE STORM?

With predictions of a wet winter, here are some tips and resources to help you and your family prepare and stay safe.

Prepare

- Keep your property's drainage ways clear.
- Develop an emergency/evacuation plan.
- Prepare emergency supplies: non-perishable food, water, flashlights, manual can-opener, batteries, battery operated radio and a first-aid kit.
- Inspect trees and vegetation for items that pose a threat to personal safety or structures, or items that may contribute to flooding in the event of a storm.

Protect

- Help keep storm drains working—clean leaves & debris off of storm drains with a rake or shovel and place in Greenwaste bin.
- Help identify and report clogged storm drains or major flooding in your area—call the Department of Public Works at 438-5854.
- Sandbag areas where water could enter your home. Sandbags will be available at SV Fire and Public Works. Come prepared to fill your own sandbags.
- Contact PG&E to shut off your power and natural gas if your property is in danger of flooding.
- If necessary, avoid low-lying areas.

Pay Attention

- Avoid driving during severe storm conditions.
- Be aware of emergency alerts via radio, TV or reverse 911.

The City of Scotts Valley is Ready!

- Trained City staff ready to respond
- Maintaining flood channels free from debris
- Managing storm drain flow to prevent flooding
- Collaborating with other agencies



Sandbag Locations:

Public Works yard - 701 Lundy Ln
Scotts Valley Fire, Station 1 - 7 Erba Ln



Emergency Resources

- Public Works, Wastewater & Water District after hours emergency #: 440-5670
- PG&E: 800-743-5000
- Santa Cruz County Emergency Services: 458-7150
- American Red Cross: 462-2881

4 Simple steps to be more prepared today.

- ◆ Identify an out of area contact.
- ◆ Know your connections-who will you rely on and who will rely on you.
- ◆ Establish a meeting place for you and your connections.
- ◆ Take stock of the things you use everyday that also could be useful in an emergency. These are the making of disaster supplies.

Flood Warning = Take Action!

- ◆ Flooding is either happening or will happen shortly.
- ◆ Move immediately to higher ground or stay on high ground.
- ◆ Evacuate if directed.
- ◆ Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Turn Around, Don't Drown! Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away.

After a flood

- ◆ Return home only when authorities say it is safe.
- ◆ Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded and watch out for debris. Floodwaters often erode roads and walkways.
- ◆ Do not attempt to drive through areas that are still flooded.
- ◆ Avoid standing water as it may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.
- ◆ Photograph damage to your property for insurance purposes.

Important Numbers

Emergency . . . 9-1-1
Non-Emergency Police . . . 440-5670
Non-Emergency Fire . . . 438-0211
Public Works . . . 438-5854
SV Water District . . . 438-2363
SV Wastewater . . . 438-0732
PG&E . . . 800-743-5000

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Scotts Valley Police Department
1 Civic Center Dr, Scotts Valley, CA
www.scottsvalleypd.com

Floods/Basic Safety Tips & Emergency Preparedness

Scotts Valley Police Department



Phone: 831.440.5670
Emergency: 9-1-1

Floods and Safety



Be Aware—Take Steps:

- Turn on your TV/Radio. You will receive the latest weather updates and emergency instructions. Know local news frequencies.
- Know where to go. You may need to reach higher ground quickly and on foot.
- Build or restock your emergency preparedness kit. Include a flashlight, batteries, cash, and first aid supplies.

Prepare your Home:

- Bring in outdoor furniture and move important indoor items to the highest possible floor. This will help protect them from flood damage.
- Disconnect electrical appliances and do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water. You could be electrocuted.
- If instructed, turn off your gas and electricity at the main switch or valve. This helps prevent fires and explosions.
- Inspect trees and vegetation for items that pose a threat to personal safety or structures, or items that may contribute to flooding in the event of a storm.

Essentials:

- Water - one gallon per person per day.
- Food—ready to eat or requiring minimal water. Baby food and special diets.
- Manual can opener (non electrical).
- First aid kit and instructions.
- Essential medications.

- Radio, battery operated and extra batteries.
- Cash in small denominations.
- Copy of important documents and phone numbers in a waterproof container.
- Sturdy shoes.
- Heavy gloves.
- Fire extinguisher (A-B-C type).
- Warm clothes, hat and rain gear.
- Local map.
- Extra prescription eye glasses, hearing aid or other vital personal items.
- Blankets or sleeping bags.
- Extra house and car keys.
- Any special needs items for children and seniors or people with disabilities.
- Pet supplies, including water.
- Corded telephone—non electrical.
- Cell phone charger.

Sanitation supplies:

- Large plastic trash bags for trash, waste and water protection.
- Large trash cans.
- Bar soap and liquid detergent.
- Shampoo.
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes.
- Feminine and infant supplies.
- Toilet paper.
- Unscented household bleach or a water purifier.
- Newspaper to wrap garbage and waste.

Safety and Comfort:

- Sturdy shoes, rain boots.
- Heavy gloves for clearing debris
- Change of clothing.
- Toys for children.

Cooking:

- Barbeque, camp stove, chafing dish (for outdoor use).
- Fuel for cooking (charcoal, propane, etc).
- Matches.
- Plastic Utensils.
- Paper plates and cups.
- Paper towels.
- Heavy-duty aluminum foil.

Tools and Supplies:

- Axe, shovel, broom.
- Crescent wrench for turning off gas.
- Screwdrivers, pliers, hammers.
- Coil of 1/2" rope.
- Plastic tape/sheeting and duct tape.

- Know your flood risks—make a flood plan.
- Build and restock your emergency preparedness kit, including a flashlight, batteries, cash and first aid supplies.
- Consider buying flood insurance.
- Familiarize yourself with local emergency plans. Know where to go and how to get there should you need to get to higher ground, the highest level of a building or to evacuate.
- Stay tuned to your phone alerts, TV, or radio for weather updates, emergency instructions or evacuation orders.



SCOTTS VALLEY PD

RESIDENCE CHECKS

WILL YOUR RESIDENCE BE UNOCCUPIED THIS STORM SEASON?

DON'T FORGET TO CALL FOR A RESIDENCE CHECK!

One of the many services the Scotts Valley Police Department provides is periodic checks of your residence while you're away. These checks are done on an *as time allows* basis during daylight hours and are done as a service to the community. As such, we encourage citizens to call for this service and provide us with the following information.

What we will need to know

- Your Name, Address and Telephone Number.
- When you'll be leaving and returning (1 month maximum).
- Will any lights be left on at the residence (timed or otherwise)?
- Will any vehicles be left in the driveway or out front? (description of vehicles)
- Will any pets be left at the residence and if so, who will be taking care of them?
- Are there any obstructions around the home? (ie. pond, new construction, locked gates or fences, etc.)
- Does your home have an alarm system?
- Are there any weapons in your home?
- Should anyone be at the residence for any reason?
- Will anyone have a key in case of emergency?
- Can we contact you in case of emergency?

Helpful hints to prepare your residence for your vacation:

- Make sure all doors and windows to your residence are secure.
- Stop your mail and newspaper delivery or ask a neighbor to pick them up during your absence.
- Contact trusted neighbors or family and let them know you'll be out of town.
- Secure or disable any firearms/weapons you may have in the residence.
- Prepare an itinerary of your travel for family or neighbors so that you can be contacted in case of an emergency.

Please call the Scotts Valley Police Department at 440-5670 just prior to your departure time so we can obtain the above needed information.

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