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Weathering the Storms Ahead

More storms are predicted for this week and Sacramento County's Department of Water Resources has some tips on how you can prevent flooding in your neighborhood.

Combating Neighborhood Flooding

Most of the neighborhood flooding is caused from leaves and debris building up in the storm drains making them less efficient. "We're asking people to keep the grates in their neighborhood clear and to clean their gutters out, especially before a heavy storm," said Principal Civil Engineer Michael Peterson. Our crews have been answering neighborhood flooding calls that come into our hotline 875-RAIN but are urging residents to do their part.

Sandbags

If your property has a history of flooding, we encourage property owners to get sandbags and have them on hand. Sandbags are available, inexpensively, at most hardware and home improvement stores.

Additional Resources

- Website: log onto <u>www.stormready.org</u> to monitor local creek levels and for additional storm preparedness tips
- Flooding Hotline: Report flooding in your neighborhood by calling 875-RAIN (7246)
- Stay tuned to local news stations for weather updates or call the National Weather Service at (916) 979-3051.

The Sacramento County Department of Water Resources is responsible for 1400 miles of pipe and 48,000 drain inlets within the unincorporated county and the cities of Citrus Heights and Rancho Cordova.

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