

# STORM SEASON SAFETY

As cooler months bring new, interrelated challenges to our county, like floods, wind, power outages, mudslides, cold temperatures, Alameda County is taking action to protect our communities.

As we prepare for this climate-driven extreme weather, there are a few steps **YOU** can take today to keep yourself, your loved ones and neighbors safe.

**STAY SAFE**



**IN HEAVY STORMS**

**PREPARE**



**FOR POWER OUTAGES**

**GET SET**



**FOR HIGH WINDS**

**KEEP WARM**



**IN THE COLD**

**BE READY**



**FOR FLOODS**

**WATCH OUT**



**FOR MUDSLIDES**



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# TIPS FOR STORM SEASON SAFETY

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## HEAVY STORMS \*

- Prepare for heavy storms that can cause power outages and prevent you from leaving the home.
- Gather food, water and medicine before a storm.
- Let someone know where you are going, if you plan to travel.



## POWER OUTAGES \*

- Keep cell phone batteries fully charged and save your battery power by limiting cell phone use during an outage.
- Sign up for alerts through your energy company so you can be notified about any energy issues.
- Enroll in a medical baseline program to ensure you're safe if the power goes off and you use electric medical and/or assistive devices.
- Plan transportation with caregivers if your needs cannot be met during a power outage.



## HIGH WINDS \*

- Stay indoors or in a sheltered location. Avoid driving if possible.
- Secure any loose items that could blow away and cause property damage or injury.
- Stay away from trees and power lines, and never go near downed powerlines. Avoid anything that may be touching a downed line, including tree branches and vehicles.



## COLD TEMPERATURES \*

- Stay indoors as much and possible. Body temperature can drop to unsafe levels in cold temperatures. If you must go outside, dress warmly in insulating layers, gloves, scarves, socks, and a hat.
- Heat your home safely. Do not use stoves, generators, or gas/charcoal grills for heat inside your home. The fumes can be harmful.
- Know where you will go if your home lacks sufficient heating. Go to a friend's house, community center, shopping mall or public library. Check with county emergency officials about warming centers available near you.



## FLOODS \*

- Be ready to evacuate loved ones and pets to higher ground if ordered. Have Emergency supplies packed in a Go Bag. Flash floods can develop very quickly.
- Keep your car gas tank at least half full in case you are asked to evacuate. There may be traffic delays.
- Never drive around barricades, drive or walk through floodwater. It may be deeper than you think and can sweep you or your car away.



## MUDSLIDES \*

- Find out if your area is at high risk due to slopes and runoff, prior mudflows, floods or burn scars from wildfires
- Use caution and remain vigilant for days after. Mudslides are dangerous even after the rain has stopped.
- Pay attention to weather reports and evacuate immediately if ordered.

