

## **“WINTERIZING – THINGS RESIDENTS CAN DO”**

Summer is over and the winter months are upon us. It's time to get ready for several months of rain, wind and cold. There are numerous sensible steps a homeowner can take to help winterize or prepare for the change in the weather:

### **PREPARING FOR WINTER**

Residents can take the following actions:

- Make sure rain gutters, downspouts and splash blocks are all in good working order
- Replace furnace filters to keep you heating system efficient
- Add insulation stripping to windows or doors as needed
- Sweep up the curb and gutter area in front of your home
- Prepare or refresh a home based Emergency Kit (drinking water, first aid kit, no-cook canned goods, hand can opener, a radio, flashlight, and extra batteries)
- Make sure your autos have proper anti-freeze levels
- When driving leave more distance for safe breaking and make extra effort to see school children, pedestrians and autos

### **CITY PREPARATIONS**

City of Menlo Park officials are also taking the following measures:

- Checking construction sites to ensure best practices are being used to prevent soil erosion into the storm drain system and creek
- Checking the San Francisquito Creek to identify and remove debris
- Checking and clearing street storm drains areas
- Expedite clearing of leaves from major street gutter areas
- Check and replenish needed emergency supplies and equipment

### **CITY BROCHURE**

A complete list of City of Menlo Park preparedness tips in a brochure called the “A, B, C’s” of Emergency Preparedness” follow this information. You can print a copy of the brochure from the website or you can receive a copy of the brochure in English or Spanish by leaving your name and address at the Menlo Park public information line (650/251-8899).

### **HOW TO VIEW THE BROCHURE**

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You can view additional information on this topic at the State of California Winter Weather and Flood Preparedness Week website at: [www.oes.ca.gov](http://www.oes.ca.gov)