

## Winter Storm Checklist



### Before a Winter Rain or Wind Storm

- ☐ Keep your gutters and drains clear of debris. Leaves and other debris can quickly block storm drains and cause localized flooding even where there are no streams or rivers.
- ☐ If you need to drive plan alternate routes in case of road closures and give yourself extra time to reach your destination. Slow down and drive with care.
- ☐ Check your [Emergency Kit](#) at home, work and your car to make sure flashlights are working and extra batteries are on hand in case the power goes out.
- ☐ Plan meals that do not require electricity and have extra water on hand.
- ☐ Check on your pets. Storms, particularly thunder, can cause them stress. Make them comfortable indoors where possible.

### During the Storm

- ☐ Stay off the roads if heavy rain is accompanied by high winds. Use extra caution if you must drive and watch for fallen debris and traffic signals that have lost power.
- ☐ If your home is near water, note if the water level begins to rise quickly and stay away from stream edges and river banks. Fast moving water and debris can undercut banks and pull people in.
- ☐ Report power outages to BC Hydro by calling 1-888-POWER-ON (1-888-769-3766).
- ☐ Avoid using candles as they can be a fire hazard. If used, always extinguish candles when leaving a room and be sure the candle-holder is on a stable surface.
- ☐ Fallen branches, trees and other debris on municipal property can be reported at 604-463-9581.
- ☐ Monitor the local media for updates.



## After

- ☐ Check your property for damage and clear debris from rain gutters and storm drains. Look up for branches that may have broken but not fallen to the ground.
- ☐ Even though the rain has stopped, moving water may still pose a risk. Stay away from streams and rivers until conditions return to normal.



## More Information

[BC Hydro Home Outage Preparation](#)

[Emergency Management BC Weather Information](#)

[Environment Canada](#)

[General Flood Information and Flood River Gauges](#)

[CBC Home Assessment Tool](#)

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