

STORMWATER READINESS PROPERTY CHECKLIST

Inspect before the storm, act safely during it, and document damage afterward

PROPERTY ADDRESS: _____

DATE CHECKED: _____

1 WALK THE PROPERTY

- ☐ Start uphill and follow the natural flow downhill.
- ☐ Locate low doors, garages, barns, and foundations.
- ☐ Check gutters, downspouts, drains, and swales.
- ☐ Clear leaves, pine needles, mud, and branches.
- ☐ Inspect driveway and private drainage culverts.
- ☐ Confirm water has a stable discharge location.

2 LOOK FOR WARNING SIGNS

- ☐ New soil, pavement, or foundation cracks.
- ☐ Bulging or leaning retaining walls.
- ☐ Muddy water emerging from a hillside.
- ☐ Rapid erosion, exposed roots, or utilities.
- ☐ Repeated water entry into a home or garage.
- ☐ Leaning trees after saturated soil conditions.

3 STORM SUPPLY CHECK

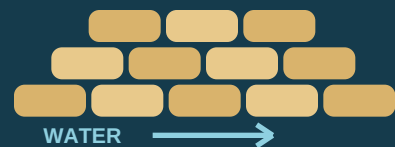
- ☐ Sandbags, sand, shovel, and work gloves.
- ☐ Plastic sheeting and waterproof tape.
- ☐ Portable sump pump and discharge hose.
- ☐ Outdoor-rated extension cords.
- ☐ Flashlights, batteries, boots, and rain gear.
- ☐ Wet-dry vacuum and charged battery bank.

4 DURING THE STORM

- ☐ Stay away from moving water and unstable slopes.
- ☐ Never enter a ditch or culvert to clear debris.
- ☐ Do not drive across a flooded roadway.
- ☐ Keep children and animals away from channels.
- ☐ Treat every downed power line as energized.
- ☐ Call 911 for an immediate threat to life.

SANDBAG QUICK GUIDE

- Fill bags one-half to two-thirds full.
- Fold the open end underneath.
- Overlap bags like roof shingles.
- Curve the barrier to guide water away.
- Leave a controlled drainage route.



AFTER THE STORM

Photograph damage • Check slopes and retaining walls • Document expenses • Repair erosion before the next storm

CALL 811 BEFORE DIGGING. DO NOT MODIFY DISTRICT DITCHES OR CULVERTS WITHOUT APPROVAL.

Report blocked District drainage facilities or roadway culverts to BVCSD.

