

## Things you can do at home to prevent localized flooding

- Inspect and clean private drainage systems or encourage property managers to do so.
- Keep leaves and trimmings out of the gutter line and please do not park directly on or over a grated inlet.
- Please report flooding issues to Public Works Office at 530-661-5962 Monday thru Friday from 7 am to 4 pm and after hours and Holidays to County Communications at 530-666-8920.
- Pick up garbage and debris materials that may wash into storm drain inlets or gutters. Grass, leaves and other yard wastes clog the drainage system and pollute downstream waterways. Remember, ALL storm drains flow directly into local creek.
- Keep emergency supplies on hand (food, water, flashlights, portable radio, batteries, first aid kit, etc.).
- Keep your car fueled.
- Know safe routes from your home to high, safe ground.

**Keep sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, lumber and other emergency building materials handy for waterproofing.**

## During Any Flood Event

- Do not try to drive over a flooded road.
- Avoid unnecessary trips.
- Do not "sight see" in flooded areas.
- Tune to your local radio and TV station for emergency information.
- Do not try to cross a flowing stream where water may be above your knees. Even water as low as 6 inches deep may cause you to be swept away by strong currents.
- If you are driving and your car stalls in water deeper than 6 inches, abandon it IMMEDIATELY and seek higher ground. Many deaths have resulted from attempts to move stalled vehicles.



In the picture to the left, note the green waste piled in the gutter. This will often result in an upstream pool of water that extends out into the street and causing a driving hazard.

Loose materials in the gutter line will float or be moved by flowing water towards the nearest storm water inlet and block the drain grate thereby creating the localized flooding we often see in our winter storm events.