

TIP #5: PREP THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME.



REMOVE YARD WASTE.

Keep your trees and hedges trimmed and healthy. Overgrown trees and bushes can break away during a storm and end up in flood waters, blocking water flow drainage. If you are raking, trimming, or planting, properly dispose of any leaves, twigs, and debris from your yard to avoid flow into storm drains.

KEEP RAIN GUTTERS CLEAR.

It's easy to put off cleaning gutters, but they can get clogged with leaves and other debris over time, so it's best to clean them regularly. Experts recommend you inspect and clean out your gutters at least once before the rainy season. If your gutters are located under a tree canopy, you will need to check them more often.

Tips to Safely Clean Gutters

- Make sure you use a safe and secure ladder.
- Rake leaves and other debris off the rooftop first.
- Start your gutter cleaning task near the downspout and work toward the closed end.
- Remove twigs, leaves, and other large debris from the base of downspouts.
- Once you've removed the debris from the gutters, use a garden hose to flush the gutters.
- Use a plastic gutter scooping tool like a child's sandbox shovel or an old plastic kitchen spatula!

Preparing the outside of our homes for flood season is just as important as having an emergency plan.

As we care for our yards, we should remove items that could contribute to flood risk.

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