

“Be a Flood Ready Freddy by properly disposing of yard debris.”

– Flood Ready Freddy

TIP #5: “Prep the outside of your home!”

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Yard Maintenance

Keep your trees and hedges trimmed and healthy. Overgrown trees and bushes can break away during a storm and can impede water flow. If you are raking, trimming, or planting, properly dispose of any yard waste to keep storm drains free flowing! Give your yard waste a second life. Place it in the green waste cart where it will be processed into compost and keep it out of the flood channels.

Home Maintenance

It can be easy to put off cleaning gutters, but gutters get clogged with leaves and other debris over time, so it's best to clean them regularly to avoid more difficult work later.

Inspect and clean out your gutters at least once before the rainy season. If your gutters are located under a tree canopy, you should need to check them more often.

Preparing the outside of our homes for flood season is another way we can be prepared for an emergency. As we care for our yards, we should remove items that could contribute to flood risk.

Tips to Safely Clean Gutters

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

