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## **Oakland Housing Authority Prepares to Weather First Big Storms of the New Year**

### ***Additional Maintenance, Landscape Crews On-Call to Respond, Repair Storm Damage***

OAKLAND, Calif., January 3, 2008 – The Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) initiated its emergency response plan in response to the predicted storms looming over the Bay Area, opening its incident command center, placing maintenance and landscape staff on notice to respond to calls from residents, and putting the Oakland Housing Authority police department on 24-hour response mode.

The storms are expected to bring heavy rains, possible flooding and wind gusts of 70 mph to the Bay Area.

OHA emergency response crews have been outfitted with the tools necessary to respond to downed tree branches, leaking roofs, and other wind and storm damages. They are equipped with chain saws, shovels, foul-weather clothing and lights. On-site housing managers have also been placed on a 24-hour on-call status, especially at the senior sites, where a power failure could spell disaster for senior residents.

OHA residents can contact the OHA police department at any time during the storms at (510) 535-3100, or the OHA maintenance department at (510) 535-3130.

The Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) is the City of Oakland's state-chartered and federally funded agency to promote the availability of quality housing for low-income persons. OHA works to promote the civic involvement and economic self-sufficiency of its residents and to further the expansion of affordable housing within Oakland. The Authority is currently helping to house 14,000 of the city's lowest income families. ([www.oakha.org](http://www.oakha.org))

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