

Bay Area Homeowners and Businesses Urged to Prepare Drainage Systems Before Next Winter Storm Hits

Local plumbing experts warn that hydro jetting and drain cleaning are critical to preventing costly backups during atmospheric river season



San Jose, California Nov 19, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - As the Bay Area braces for another season of atmospheric rivers and heavy winter rainfall, [Drain and Water Plumbing Services in San Jose](#) is urging property owners across Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties to take proactive steps to protect their homes and businesses from drain backups and sewer overflows.

Winter storms place enormous stress on aging sewer and drainage systems throughout the region, particularly in historic neighborhoods where clay tile and cast iron pipes are common. According to [drain experts](#), proper maintenance keeps plumbing systems functioning efficiently and prevents costly issues during storms—and hydro jetting is one of the most effective preventive measures available.

Why Winter Rain Overwhelms Bay Area Drains

"Many homeowners don't realize that their sewer lines have been accumulating grease, debris, and sediment all year long," explains the team at Drain and Water. "When heavy winter rains hit, that buildup restricts flow just when the system needs to handle the most water. The result? Backed-up showers, overflowing toilets, and even sewage coming up through floor drains."

The problem is especially acute in older Bay Area communities like San Jose's Willow Glen, Los Gatos, Palo Alto, and throughout San Mateo County, where underground infrastructure dates back decades. Clay tile pipes—common in homes built before the 1980s—are particularly vulnerable to blockages during winter storms.

Hydro Jetting: The Most Effective Winter Prep Solution

Unlike traditional drain snaking, which simply punches a hole through clogs, [hydro jetting uses high-pressure water streams](#) (up to 4,000 PSI) to completely scour pipe walls clean. This removes grease, scale, tree root intrusions, and accumulated debris that restrict water flow.

"Hydro jetting doesn't just clear the clog—it cleans the entire diameter of the pipe," says Drain and Water. "That means your drains can handle heavy storm flows without backing up into your home or business."

The service is safe for most pipe materials and is particularly effective for:

- **Residential properties** experiencing slow drains in kitchens, bathrooms, and laundry rooms
- **Restaurants and commercial kitchens** dealing with grease buildup in drain lines
- **HOAs and multi-unit properties** with shared sewer laterals serving multiple residents
- **Retail and office buildings** with high-traffic restroom facilities

The Holiday Kitchen Clog Factor

Winter drainage problems are compounded by holiday cooking and entertaining. Thanksgiving through New Year's brings an influx of grease, food scraps, and increased water usage—all of which contribute to drain blockages.

"We see a spike in emergency calls right after Thanksgiving," notes Drain and Water. "Families pour turkey grease down the drain, run the garbage disposal constantly, and have extra guests using the plumbing. If your lines weren't clean going into the holidays, you're asking for trouble."

Pro Tips to Protect Your Drains This Winter:

- **Never pour grease, fats, or oils down the drain**—let them cool and dispose in the trash
- **Use drain strainers** in sinks to catch food particles
- **Run cold water** when using the garbage disposal to help solidify fats
- **Schedule a pre-storm sewer camera inspection** to identify vulnerable areas
- **Consider preventive hydro jetting** before atmospheric rivers arrive

Commercial Properties and HOAs: Don't Wait for a Crisis

Property managers and HOA boards face unique challenges during winter storms. Shared sewer laterals can back up into multiple units, parking lot drains can overflow and cause flooding, and emergency repairs during storms are significantly more expensive than preventive maintenance.

"We work with commercial property managers throughout the Bay Area to set up seasonal maintenance plans," explains Drain and Water. "Regular hydro jetting of main lines, storm drains, and parking lot catch basins prevents the kind of emergency situations that disrupt business and upset residents."

24/7 Emergency Service When Prevention Isn't Enough

Despite best efforts, drain emergencies can still happen—especially during severe weather. Drain and Water offers 24/7 emergency plumbing service throughout Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties, with rapid response times even during the worst storms.

The company's exclusive TrenchFree™ technology means that even major sewer line repairs can often be completed without tearing up landscaping, driveways, or other hardscaping—a critical advantage during wet winter weather when excavation is difficult.

About Drain and Water Plumbing Services

Drain and Water is a local, family-owned plumbing company serving Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties since 2017. Specializing in trenchless sewer repair, hydro jetting, drain cleaning, and underground plumbing systems, the company serves residential, commercial, and HOA properties from historic homes built in the 1800s to contemporary developments. With a 4.9-star Google rating and 24/7 emergency service, Drain and Water is the Bay Area's trusted partner for drain and sewer solutions.

Service areas include: San Jose, Santa Clara, Campbell, Cupertino, Saratoga, Los Gatos, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, Milpitas, Mountain View, Morgan Hill, Gilroy, Los Altos, Menlo Park, Atherton, Redwood City, Belmont, San Mateo, Burlingame, San Bruno, Daly City, and surrounding communities.

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