

What To Do During Floods and Power Outages (News Release from South Lake Tahoe Public Utility District)

Good afternoon!

South Tahoe Public Utility District recently sent out a press release regarding what to do during floods and power outages. We are sharing this information with you and hope you find it useful as you navigate the winter weather challenges.

What To Do During Floods and Power Outages (News Release from South Tahoe Public Utility District): - The new year continues to bring heavy snow and rain. This is great for water supply, but very challenging for utilities. During power outages, South Tahoe Public Utility District asks customers to conserve water, as all the water and sewer pumps are running on emergency generators. If your neighborhood is flooding, the wastewater collection system and treatment plant is likely being inundated. Do not open manholes. Run sump pumps into the storm drain and not into the sewer system.

During rain on snow events, meadows flood. Sewer mains and manholes located in the meadows take on water, resulting in extremely high flows into the treatment plant. Compounding this issue is when manholes are intentionally opened or when individual sump pumps run into the sewer system, which is illegal. Water and sewer crews work 24/7 during extreme weather events to refuel back-up generators and keep the systems operating. Help do your part to ensure reliable water delivery, wastewater collection, and prevent wastewater spills by conserving water during power outages, running sump pumps into storm drains, and not removing manholes. If you see a manhole cover that has been moved during a storm, contact the District immediately at 530-544-6474. **Read more...**

Thank you,

The LTUSD Team