



TOWN OF  
**WOODSIDE**  
CALIFORNIA

Dear Woodside Resident,

As storm season has arrived, the Town would like to remind property owners to maintain watercourses within their property. Driveway culverts are also the responsibility of the homeowner and shall be kept free and clear of debris.

**§WMC 52.19 Watercourse Protection**

Every person owning property through which a watercourse passes, or such person's lessee or tenant, shall keep and maintain that part of the watercourse within the property reasonably free of trash, debris, excessive vegetation, and other obstacles which would pollute, contaminate, or significantly retard the flow of water through the watercourse; shall maintain existing privately owned structures within a watercourse so that such structures will not become a hazard to the use, function, or physical integrity of the watercourse; and shall not remove healthy bank vegetation beyond that actually necessary for said maintenance, nor remove said vegetation in such a manner as to increase the vulnerability of the watercourse to erosion.

This maintenance will help as the Town of Woodside does not have a formal storm drain system, as many other jurisdictions do, and relies on the natural creeks and earthen channels to facilitate drainage to the bay. The Town consists of publicly and privately maintained culverts, ditches, and swales that flow to the creeks. Town crews work diligently to maintain public drainage facilities throughout the Town. Together, we can keep our channels flowing and continue to maintain water quality throughout the Town of Woodside.

Please note that doing work other than maintenance and altering the drainage pattern (diverting flows, installing pipes, etc.) may require a Site Development Permit. Please check with the Town. If you have any questions, please contact Town of Woodside Public Works Department at (650) 851-6790.