



CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

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Landslides and Landslide Risks Reported after Heavy Rains

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, March 14, 2011 - Bainbridge Island has experienced three slides in the last 24 hours, and weather forecasts include the likelihood of more precipitation. Residents should be watchful of steep slopes and take appropriate precautions.

If a landslide damages your property and you have an immediate concern for your safety, leave the premises and call 9-1-1.

Property owners with structures that may be affected or endangered by a landslide should contact a geotechnical engineering professional for an evaluation. Affected properties might also need assistance from a structural engineer. Listings for geotechnical and structural engineers can be found in telephone directories and on websites for professional engineering associations, such as the American Society of Civil Engineers Seattle Section Geotechnical Group or the Structural Engineers Association of Washington. More information about landslide warning signs is available from the U.S. Geological Survey: <http://landslides.usgs.gov/learning/prepare/>.

At this time, Gertie Johnson Road is closed due to slides, and a slide has occurred in the 1800 block of Beans Bight.

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