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# Crews cover SW Portland house slide lot just in time

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PORTLAND, Ore. -- Contractors shoring up a Southwest Portland hillside after a house collapse worked through the weekend to beat the fall rain.

The home on SW Burlingame Place slid 300 feet down a SW Portland hillside, crashing into the home below. Miraculously, no one was injured but several other homes were damaged and seven homes had to be evacuated.

Contractors said Monday they were able to get supplies and crews to work Saturday morning to start covering the area to prevent more erosion.

Anderson Pacific workers put heavy duty plastic sheeting over the slope and installed drainage systems to collect and route stormwater runoff around the area.

"I can't say enough about the contractor's response. Once the contract was awarded, they jumped right in and began helping," Paul Scarlett, city Bureau of Development Services Director said. "It was a race against the clock, but I'm pleased to report that the plastic was in place by Sunday evening just in time for this morning's rain. I'm so glad we could provide some desperately needed assistance to these homeowners."

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On Friday, neighbors were let back into their homes for a time to get belongings before crews started work.

Neighbors were relieved to see the tarp in place before the rains started falling Monday.

"I think they whole neighborhood is breathing a sigh of relief that we have a window now to stop and think and approach these things -not under the pressure of weather- and make some good decisions," said Michelle Becker, who lives next door to an evacuated house.

The city said its goal is to have the work completed within the next few days before final plans for the property are determined.

*(KGW Reporter Randy Neves contributed to this report)*