

CITY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO



Joint Media Release

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Sacramento County and City Open Warming Centers

Because of the continued power outage and the expected low temperatures tonight in the Sacramento area, Sacramento County and City have opened three warming centers. Residents who continue to experience power outages are encouraged to seek accommodations with family, neighbors, and/or friends. However, if no alternatives are available, residents can go to the following warming centers:

Belle Cooledge Community Center 5699 South Land Park Drive Sacramento, CA

Rancho Cordova Neighbors Center 10665 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA

Hagginwood Community Center 3271 Marysville Boulevard Sacramento, CA

The warming centers will provide seating and modest refreshments. Individuals needing urgent assistance can call 875-5656 for county residents or 264-5011 for city residents. For life threatening situations, residents should dial 9-1-1.

The warming centers will remain open until further notice.

Sacramento County: County customers can call to report downed trees or branches in the roadway: call 875-5656.

For road closures in the unincorporated county: www.sacdot.com, click road closures in right column.

For water or drainage issues: call 875-7246. To report sewer problems: call 875-6730. For street flooding, call 875-RAIN.

Information on creek levels: www.saccounty.net search stormready or floodready, or visit www.msa.saccounty.net/waterresources/floodready

Information on emergency preparedness, general information: www.saccounty.net

City of Sacramento: For localized street flooding, downed trees or branches in the roadway, City residents should call: 916/264-5011. The City has discontinued collecting containerized green waste, garbage, or recycling today due to high winds. Residents can place cans out for collection on Sunday, January 6th or on their next scheduled collection day.

Information on emergency preparedness, general information: www.cityofsacramento.org

Other Information:

For life threatening emergencies, contact 911.

For electrical power outages in Sacramento County contact SMUD at 1-888-456-7683 or PG&E at 1-800-743-5000.

Self Service Sandbag Filling Locations currently opened 24 hours a day through Sunday, January 6th:

Westside Park, Rio Linda 6555 West 2nd Street Rio Linda, CA

Orangevale Community Center 6826 Hazel Avenue Orangevale, CA

County Branch Center (off Bradshaw Road) 3847 Branch Center Road Sacramento, CA

What residents can do:

- Clear debris from gutters and downspouts
- Drive safely and slowly
- Keep clear of downed powerlines
- Monitor local weather forecasts
- Tie down or properly store outdoor refuse cans, lawn equipment, decorations
- Inventory or create emergency preparedness kits
- Do not remove manhole covers
- Pet owners check to be sure pets are secure and safe

When to call:

- Roadway is blocked- cannot pass through (trees on private property are owners responsibility)
- Localized flooding
- Down power lines
- Gutters/streets flooded making it unsafe to pass or clear

Updates will be provided as necessary.