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**County and City of Sacramento Office of Emergency Services
Prepare for Approaching Cold Weather**

Sacramento CA., With night temperatures expected to drop into the upper 20's and low 30's over the next 3-4 days, representatives of the City and County of Sacramento Office of Emergency Services are monitoring the weather and advising residents to take normal winter precautions.

Around the House and in Your Car:

Clear debris from gutters and downspouts

Store outdoor furniture, lawn equipment, decorations properly

Secure outdoor plants or cover with blankets or plastic to prevent freezing

Learn where your water shutoff valves are in case a pipe bursts

Do not bring heating devices in doors that are intended for outdoor use, such as barbecues or other fuel-burning devices

Insulate pipes and allow faucets to drip during cold weather to avoid freezing

Prepare your auto for cold weather

Drive safely and slowly

Avoid downed power lines

Loved Ones:

Discuss emergency plans in advance

Make sure your pets are secure and safe out of the elements

Check on your family and neighbors, especially those living alone

Complete preparedness tips can be found on <http://www.SacramentoReady.org>

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

Sacramento County: For localized street flooding, downed trees or branches in the roadway: call 875-5171.

For water, sewer, or drainage issues: call 875-7246. When the power is restored, we will issue an update that the Call Center is operational.

Information on creek levels: www.stormready.org

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

City of Sacramento: For localized street flooding, downed trees or branches in the roadway, City residents should call: 3-1-1 or 916/264-5011.

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.

Services to Homeless:

Due to the projected low temperatures, warming centers are being activated for **Tuesday, November 23, Wednesday, November 24, and Thursday November 25, 2010** at the following sites:

- Volunteers of America A Street Shelter (1400 North A Street, next door to TLCS Guest House): **Men only**
- Salvation Army Shelter (12th & North B Street): **Women and Men, 18 years +**
- Union Gospel Mission (400 Bannon Street): **Men only**

The warming centers are open from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Centers are a place to get warm only - NOT a sleeping arrangement. Animals will not be allowed. Both warming centers will close on Friday. An additional bulletin will follow if the dates of availability are extended

Updates will be provided as necessary.

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