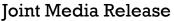


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County and City of Sacramento Office of Emergency Services Prepare for Approaching Cold Weather

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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