



**CITY OF SACRAMENTO
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
Joint Media Release**



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**Sacramento County/City Storm Response Status
Crews continue cleanup; warming centers remain open**

11:30 AM Update

Utility crews are working today to restore electricity to the largest remaining concentrations of customers without power in portions of Rancho Cordova, east Foothill Farms, and the Madison Avenue and Auburn Blvd. corridors. Weather forecasts indicate that the next period of rain will start in the late afternoon or early evening.

This morning, in addition to the power restoration work, significant clean-up activities are underway to remove storm debris from Friday's high winds and rain. A variety of public agencies have staff on overtime performing those duties.

The City of Sacramento today has resumed collecting containerized green waste, garbage, and recycling. Residents who did not receive service on Friday can place their containers out for collection today or wait until their next scheduled collection day.

Staff from Sacramento County's Department of Health and Human Services are performing surveys and sampling of vulnerable populations to determine special needs. Local law enforcement and fire department personnel are also working to monitor vulnerable populations while in the field.

Sacramento County and City opened three warming centers Saturday, and they will remain open until further notice. City and County officials will continue to work with SMUD to monitor the power outage situation. Residents who continue to experience power outages are encouraged to seek accommodations with family, neighbors, or friends. However, if no alternatives are available, residents can go to one of the following warming centers. Seating areas and modest refreshments are provided:

Warming Center Locations		
Belle Coolidge Community Center 5699 South Land Park Drive Sacramento, CA	Rancho Cordova Neighborhood Center 10665 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA	Hagginwood Community Center 3271 Marysville Boulevard Sacramento, CA

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County and City staff are on duty today to take public phone calls on storm-related problems, and several web resources are available with updated status information:

Important Contact Numbers	
Life-threatening emergencies:	Dial 9-1-1
Urgent assistance needed:	(916) 875-5656 (County residents) (916) 264-5011 (City of Sacramento)
Downed trees or branches in the road:	(916) 875-5171 (County) (916) 264-5011 (City of Sacramento)
Report water or drainage issues:	(916) 875-7246 (County) (916) 264-5011 (City of Sacramento)
Report street flooding:	(916) 875-7246 (County) (916) 264-5011 (City of Sacramento)
Report animal care issues:	(916) 875-5000 (County) (916) 264-5011 (City of Sacramento)
Power outages in Sacramento County:	(888) 456-7683 (SMUD) (888) 743-5000 (PG&E)
Information on County road closures:	www.sacdot.com (click "emergency road closures" in the right-hand column)
Information on creek levels:	www.saccounty.net and search "stormready" or "floodready", or visit www.msa.saccounty.net/waterresources/floodready
Information on emergency preparedness:	www.saccounty.net www.CityofSacramento.org

Self-service sandbag filling locations will remain open until further notice at the following locations:

Sandbag Filling Locations		
Westside Park 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 and motorists cannot pass (trees on private property are owners' responsibility)
- Localized flooding
- Downed power lines
- Gutters or streets are flooded, making it unsafe to pass or clear

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