



NEWS

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Storm Updates: Stay Safe, Where to Find News and Information

Redwood City – The Bay Area is under a [flood watch](#) through Monday afternoon, a reminder to prepare for rain and potential impacts wherever you live in San Mateo County.

As of Sunday afternoon, several major Peninsula roads are closed or have travel restrictions. Flooding, mudslides and falling trees could lead to additional closures with additional rain and wind.

The following lists helpful websites and telephone numbers you may need to get through the next few days.

Zonehaven Evacuation Platform

Emergency managers have carved the Peninsula into zones on an online, [publicly available map](#) supported by Zonehaven, a California-based company under contract with the County of San Mateo.

Each zone is assigned a short code. All residents can enter an address to find their zone. These zones will be pushed out via emergency alerts, County social media platforms and the news media in the event of evacuation orders or other emergencies.

The map is available [here](#) – scroll down to find it beneath important information.

Evacuation zones are critical to the evacuation process. [Learn why](#) from local first responders.

Get Prepared

If you are ordered to evacuate, leave quickly. Here's what to pack in an [emergency kit](#). (Water, food and a flashlight are must-haves.)

[Download a printable version](#) to take with you to the store. Once you take a look at the basic items consider what [unique needs](#) your family might have, such as supplies for [pets](#) or [seniors](#).

Emergency Alerts

Sign up for [emergency notifications](#) at SMC Alert.

Pacific Gas & Electric has an [outage map](#) and lets you [sign up for alerts](#) by email, text or phone.

Road Conditions

Caltrans provides [current highway conditions](#) on:
(*You can also call 1-800-427-7623*)

Highway 1
Highway 35 (Skyline Boulevard)
Highway 84 (Woodside Road/La Honda Road)
Highway 92
Highway 101 (Bayshore Freeway)
Interstate 280
Interstate 380

[511.org](#) also provides road delay and closure information.

Sandbag Pick-Up Locations

County residents in unincorporated areas may pick up sandbags free of charge at [these locations](#).

Here is a list of sandbag pick-up [locations for cities](#), with contact information to confirm availability.

Additional Storm Resources

If you live in one of San Mateo County's 20 cities, you can often find localized information. View a list of [city websites](#).

County Parks: Storm Impacts

Numerous County Parks are closed. Park and trail updates will be posted [here](#) as new information becomes available.

View [tips for visiting parks](#) after heavy rains.

Downed trees

If the branches are entangled in power lines, stay at least 25 feet away and call 9-1-1 immediately. Then, call PG&E at 1-800-743-5000.

If you live in a city, contact your department of public works with questions or requests for service.

The County's Road Maintenance Division is responsible for emergency repairs and tree removal on the [315 miles of roads](#) the County maintains. Contact the County's [Department of Public Works](#) with questions or requests for service on these roads.

Guidelines for Returning to Flooded Homes and Areas

As our community deals with the impacts of floodwaters on homes and property, San Mateo County Health urges residents to [take precautions](#) to protect themselves and their families.

County Offices Closed in Honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

While County offices are closed on Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, all emergency services are available.

County offices will resume normal operations on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023.