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EVACUATION CENTER PLANNED IN TRUCKEE IN CASE OF TRUCKEE RIVER FLOODING

The American Red Cross is working with local emergency agencies to set up an evacuation center in the Town of Truckee in case of Truckee River flooding Sunday morning.

The evacuation center will be located in the Administration Building of the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District, 11603 Donner Pass Road, Truckee California.

The center is scheduled to open at 6 a.m. Sunday and remain open as long as needed. The Red Cross will provide refreshments and updated storm information will be available at the center.

To get updated recorded information on the evacuation center, the public may call a toll-free number set up by the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services: 855-212-1866. **The center will transition to an overnight shelter Sunday night if there is a need.**

The Red Cross is establishing the evacuation center in cooperation with the Town of Truckee and the Nevada and Placer County Offices of Emergency Services

Emergency officials are reminding the public that anyone who is in danger because of flooding or other storm-related damage should call 9-1-1.

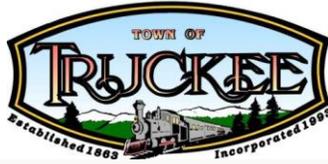
The National Weather Service has issued a flood warning for the Truckee River near Truckee that is scheduled to remain in effect from Sunday morning through Monday morning.

In its warning, the NWS says major flooding is expected along the Truckee River near Truckee.

In the Truckee area, the river reaches flood stage at 4.5 feet. According to the NWS, the river is expected to rise above flood stage by Sunday morning and continue to rise to almost 7.7 feet by late Sunday morning. The NWS predicts the river should fall below flood stage in the Truckee area by Sunday evening.

Emergency officials are advising residents, visitors and all motorists:

- Not drive a vehicle into areas where the water covers the roadway. The water depth may be too great to allow your vehicle to cross safely;
- To pay special attention in areas beneath recent burn scars as these areas will be susceptible to debris flow;
- Residents in affected areas should take active precautions, monitor conditions closely and evacuate the area if needed; and
- Sand and sandbags are available at the following locations:
 - Old Squaw Valley fire station, 1810 Squaw Valley Road.
 - North Tahoe Fire Station 52, 288 North Shore Blvd, Kings Beach (Intersection of Hwys 267 & 28);



- Truckee: Truckee Fire Station 92, 11473 Donner Pass Road, and Truckee Ranger Station parking lot, 10811 Stockrest Spring Rd.

If you are in an area that may be affected by rising water, take the following steps:

- Make an evacuation plan:- what to take, where to go, how to stay in touch;
- If you think you might need to evacuate, go. If you delay, you will probably be trapped;
- No matter what happens, stay out of the water. Debris in flood runoff and high flows make it extremely dangerous to attempt to retrieve objects or rescue people; and
- Stay calm, think clearly and be decisive. When in doubt, call 911 and ask for help.

Sand and sandbags are available at various locations throughout Placer County, Nevada County, and Truckee. For a complete listing, please visit the following websites:

<http://www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/CEO/Emergency/Sand%20and%20Sandbag%20locations.aspx>

<http://www.townoftruckee.com>

<http://www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/igs/oes/>

Storm Information will be updated as information becomes available at the following websites:

<http://www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/CEO/Emergency/StormsNov2012.aspx>

<https://www.facebook.com/nevcooes>