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Wet Weather Ahead

A major shift in the weather pattern will bring wet and windy weather to northern California beginning Wednesday and lasting through the weekend. This series of storms could bring up to 8 inches of rain to the Grass Valley area and a combination of rain and snow to the Truckee area.

In addition to the anticipated rain, high winds gusting up to 45 MPH are in the forecast which could result in local power outages.

Preparedness

Wherever you live or travel, you should be aware of the dangers of winter storms and be prepared. To help your family cope during and after a severe winter storm, store a household disaster kit in an easily accessible location.

Specific items to be prepared for an extended power outage should include as a minimum:

- Emergency lighting (including extra batteries)
- Battery operated radio
- Phone that plugs directly into the phone jack (cordless phone and answering machines will not work during a power outage)
- Battery back-up for necessary medical equipment & additional oxygen bottles for those who normally require them

Items to accomplish prior to the rain and high winds:

- Clear rain gutters
- Repair roof leaks
- Cut away tree branches that could fall on your house

Always monitor a forecasted severe weather event by utilizing the local media or visiting the many weather forecast services available via the internet.

Sand and Sandbags are available for residents of Nevada County

The Nevada County Office of Emergency Services would also like to remind residents that free sand and sandbags are available. The permanent location is next to the Nevada County Warehouse on the corner of Highway 49 and East Broad St. in Nevada City. Beginning Wednesday, sand and sandbags will also be available at the North San Juan Fire Station #1 and the Higgins Fire Station #21.

Residents must bring their own shovel to fill the sandbags with sand. We do request that residents only take what they plan to use for protection of their personal property in the event of flooding.

Additional preparedness information is available on the Nevada County OES website:

<http://www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/igs/oes/> and at the Nevada County Home and Family Emergency Preparedness Center located at the Eric Rood Administrative Center in Nevada City.

For additional questions or comments on any preparedness activities, contact the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services at oes@co.nevada.ca.us or 530-265-1515.

