



# THE CITY OF MONTEREY

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## **CITY OF MONTEREY CONTINUES STORM READINESS Working to Ensure Public Safety and Maintain Core Services**

Monterey, CA. – The Monterey Peninsula and region have been preparing for and responding to with a series of ‘atmospheric river’ storm systems rarely seen in our community’s history. The City of Monterey wants the community to know ‘all hands are on deck’ to continue to ensure public safety and maintain core city services as a second atmospheric river arrives to the Monterey Peninsula as part of this month’s “Pineapple Express.” The City of Monterey’s Fire, Police, Public Works, Parks, and Emergency Management teams are fully staffed around the clock. City teams continue in emergency preparedness and response mode with clear citywide situational analysis to effectively and quickly respond to impacts as they occur. The City of Monterey secured Verizon mobile towers installed Saturday to support our Fire Department network at Fire Stations 11 (Downtown) and 13 (on Montecito Avenue).

### **Latest National Weather Service Forecast**

The next in this series of storms is coming in late tonight, Monday, March 13, 2023 with expected rain and gusty winds that could reach 50 miles per hour according to the National Weather Service. The most impactful period for the Monterey community will last into Wednesday, March 15. With soils already heavily saturated, this next storm system could continue to bring down trees and power lines, resulting in the disruption of electricity and mobile communications service.

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## How to Prepare

1. Be alert to your surroundings and aware of potential danger from falling trees or power lines. If you lose power, please stay home if you can. If you need to drive on the roads, use extreme caution. Treat dark signal lights as a four way stop. Never get near downed power lines.
2. Use the resources provided at <https://monterey.org/stormcenter>, through local news stations, and [County resources](#) to stay abreast of the latest situation.
3. Call 9-1-1 in emergencies, or the Police non-emergency number at (831) 646-3914 if you need non-emergency assistance. You can also call United Way Monterey County at 2-1-1 for assistance to find out how you get help. Residents can use the [service request portal](#) to report service needs, or email [suggest@monterey.org](mailto:suggest@monterey.org) if they are unsure who to call.
4. If you lose cellular service and/or power, you can visit the Monterey Public Library or the El Estero Park Center to charge your phones and connect to Wi-Fi. The Library will be open Tuesday, March 14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and El Estero Park Center will be open Tuesday, March 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. [PG&E's Outage Map](#) is the best resource to monitor power restoration status.
5. PG&E has confirmed that more than two dozen crews are in the area to address issues and maintain infrastructure. Please understand, if downed trees bring down power lines, City tree crews will respond quickly, but they must wait to move the downed tree until PG&E responds and gives them the okay to do so. This means that if a tree impacts a roadway, that street will remain closed until that process is complete.
6. Please do what you can to check-in on and help a neighbor or two.

City Manager Hans Uslar said, “Our residents and businesses are strong and resilient, and we thank the community for helping one another get through this very stormy winter. Keep it up – we are almost through the worst!” He added, “We are incredibly proud and grateful for all our hardworking staff across the City and our CERT volunteers who have responded professionally to hundreds of calls for services and needs in our community!”

*Additional thanks go to our partner agencies, including those assisting the Monterey Fire Department (partial list): Monterey County Regional Fire District, City of Salinas Fire Department, North County Fire Protection District of Monterey County, City of Hollister Fire Department, and local CERT Teams. (dates corrected in this version 2)*

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