



## Office of Emergency Services County of Tuolumne

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March 8, 2023 Press Release: [Warm Rain-On-Snow Storm Thursday into Weekend;  
Another Warm Storm Monday-Tuesday](#)

The National Weather Service is predicting warm-rain-on-snow Thursday March 9 into the weekend. Higher snow levels (6500-8500 feet) will produce snowmelt and runoff below 4000 feet with flooding impacts given saturated soils and runoff. Heaviest rain expected Thursday night into Friday.

**Tuolumne County Public Works would like to remind everyone of sand locations. Unless noted below, please bring your own shovel and bags.**

- Columbia – Airport parking lot @ 10723 Airport Rd (please look for the orange cones)
- Tuolumne – 18870 Birch Street or at Parkview Ln and Chestnut Ave
- Jamestown – On the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and 8<sup>th</sup> St
- Big Oak Flat / Groveland area – 11242 Wards Ferry Rd

**Limited Time and locations** - With the forecast calling for heavy rain and potential flooding this week, Tuolumne County OES and Public Works want the public to be prepared. **We will have a limited amount of pre-filled sandbags and volunteers available to fill free bags at the following locations on Thursday 10-4pm.**

- Columbia – Airport parking lot @ 10723 Airport Rd (please look for the orange cones)
- Big Oak Flat / Groveland area – 11242 Wards Ferry Rd

Additional bags and locations are planned for Friday and/or Saturday as needed or available. Bags will be limited to 10 per person so that we can try and help as many as possible. Look for an update of locations on Thursday night for Friday and Saturday.



With the recent storms and those pending all persons with excessive amounts of snow in their area are advised to be mindful of any snow accumulation on their building. If you notice any of the following, please contact a qualified professional to assess your structure and provide advice: cracks or other new damage to wall or ceiling finishes, sagging of your roof, leaky ceilings, you notice creaks or other new unusual sounds, your doors or windows become difficult to open or operate or you identify any other new or unusual issues with your structure.



While we will not be reaching the threshold identified in the Tuolumne County Extreme Temperature Contingency Plan, Tuolumne County OES, Health and Human Services, Public Health, Behavioral Health, Homeless Coordinator and Animal Control staff are supporting an inclement weather plan to aid those seeking relief during the expected weather.

Public places that will be open during the day:

- **Sonora Main Library**  
Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
Saturday, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
480 Greenley Road Sonora, CA 95370  
Ph: 209-533-5507
- **Tuolumne and Twain Harte Library**  
Tues-Thur, 2pm-6pm  
Fri-Sat, 10am-2pm
- **Groveland Library**  
Tues-Thur, 11am-5pm  
Fri-Sat, 10am-2pm
- **Behavioral Health Enrichment Center**  
Mon-Fri 8am-6pm  
101 Hospital Rd. Sonora, CA 95370

Unhoused/homeless individuals who are age 60 or older, disabled, families with children, and youth ages 18-26 please call 209-768-9784 5pm to 9 pm to receive information about temporary overnight shelter. This will be available through Friday March 10. During regular business hours call 533-5711.

- **Lambert Community Center**  
Mon–Fri 11 a.m. - 2 pm  
347 W. Jackson St.  
Sonora, CA 95370  
Ph: 209-533-4879

The Tuolumne County Office of Emergency services will evaluate the need to open a shelter should we have an impact related to power outages and or flooding.

For those that need assistance with sheltering animals, please contact Tuolumne County Animal Control at 209-694-2730. Animal Control is open Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For afterhours animal emergencies, please contact the Sheriff's Office dispatch at 209-533-5815.

**For up-to-date information on road closures** during weather events, please visit: [www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov](http://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov) and click on the top ribbon next to alerts.

**For weather related info** [www.weather.gov/sto/](http://www.weather.gov/sto/)

**For PG&E outage updates** please visit <https://pgealerts.alerts.pge.com/outages/map/>

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