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**The County of Santa Clara Prepares for Unsettled Weather to Return**

*Chilly temperatures, gusty winds, and periods of rain during the weekend*

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF.** –The County of Santa Clara Office of Emergency Management is taking proactive measures to ensure the safety and well-being of its community members. The [National Weather Service](https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lat=37.3164&lon=-121.8818#.X8PukM1KhaQ) forecasted a high near 58° and a low near 37°. Rainfall for Santa Clara County is between 0.5 – 1” with southerly winds of 25 – 35 mph. A Wind Advisory is in effect Friday, March 1st, 2024, from noon through Saturday, March 2nd, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

"As we anticipate the arrival of cold weather and rain, it is crucial for our community to be adequately prepared,” said Louay Toma, Acting Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Management. “Ensuring that we have the necessary resources in place and that our residents are informed and equipped to face these weather conditions is paramount. People should sign up for AlertSCC to receive emergency alerts and warnings directly from the County and our trusted partners. Sign up by going to [www.alertscc.org](http://www.alertscc.org).”

Decreased temperatures increase the likelihood of cold-related illnesses, notably hypothermia and frostbite, both of which pose significant medical concerns. Symptoms of hypothermia include confusion, dizziness, exhaustion, severe shivering, clumsiness and lack of coordination, slurred speech, or mumbling. High-risk groups include older adults, young children, those with chronic medical conditions, and unsheltered community members. If people see someone who may be experiencing symptoms of hypothermia, they should call 911.

Community members are encouraged to take the necessary cold weather precautions:

* Limit outdoor exposure during the coldest periods of the day or during extended periods of extreme cold.
* Dress in layered clothing for optimal insulation, including the use of hats, scarves, and gloves or mittens to shield against the cold.
* Safeguard against hypothermia and frostbite by utilizing waterproof and/or weatherproof footwear and attire.
* Promptly change out of damp clothing to prevent the onset of hypothermia.
* Maintain adequate hydration by consuming enough water to sustain internal warmth.
* Refrain from using substances to combat the cold. Instead, seek refuge in a Warming Center.

County libraries operate as Warming Centers to provide a safe, heated space for people seeking refuge from the cold weather. The City of San José libraries and community centers operate as Warming Centers during regular business hours. For city libraries, visit [www.sjpl.org/locations](http://www.sjpl.org/locations) for hours and locations. For city community centers, please visit <bit.ly/sjcommunitycenters>. Moreover, various other dedicated Warming Centers are accessible throughout Santa Clara County. For the complete list of Warming Center locations, go to [www.preparescc.org/coldweather](http://www.preparescc.org/coldweather). Additional safety information in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Tagalog, can be found by visiting [www.preparescc.org](http://www.preparescc.org).

**College Terrace Library**

2300 Wellesley St.

Palo Alto, CA 94306

Friday, Mar. 1 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 2 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 5 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 6 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 7 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Cupertino Library**

10800 Torre Ave.

Cupertino, CA 95014

Friday, Mar. 1 from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 2 from 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 3 from 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Mar. 4 from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

**Downtown Library**

270 Forest Ave.

Palo Alto, CA 94301

Friday, Mar. 1 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 2 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 5 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 6 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 7 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Gilroy Library**

350 W. 6th St.

Gilroy, CA 95020

Friday, Mar. 1 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 2 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 3 from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Monday, Mar. 4 from 1 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**Los Altos Library**

13 S. San Antonio Rd.

Los Altos, CA 94022

Friday, Mar. 1 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 2 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 3 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Monday, Mar. 4 from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

**Los Gatos Library**

100 Villa Ave.

Los Gatos, CA 95030

Friday, Mar. 1 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 2 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 3 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Monday, Mar. 4 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Milpitas Library**

160 N. Main St.

Milpitas, CA 95035

Friday, Mar. 1 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 2 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 3 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Monday, Mar. 4 from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

**Mitchell Park Library**

3700 Middlefield Rd

Palo Alto, CA 94303

Friday, Mar. 1 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 2 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 3 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Monday, Mar. 4 from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 5 from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 6 from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 7 from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

**Morgan Hill Library**

660 W. Main Ave.

Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Friday, Mar. 1 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 2 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 3 from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Monday, Mar. 4 from 12 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**Mountain View Community Center**

201 S. Rengstorff Ave.

Mountain View, CA 94040

Friday, Mar. 1 from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Monday, Mar. 4 from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Mountain View Police Services Fire Administration Building Lobby**

1000 Villa St.

Mountain View, CA 94041

Daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Mountain View Public Library**

585 Franklin St.

Mountain View, CA 94041

Friday, Mar. 1 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 2 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 3 from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Monday, Mar. 4 from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

**Mountain View Senior Center**

266 Escuela Ave.

Mountain View, CA 94040

Friday, Mar. 1 from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Monday, Mar. 4 from 8:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.

**Rinconada Library**

1213 Newell Rd.

Palo Alto, CA 94303

Friday, Mar. 1 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 2 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 3 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Monday, Mar. 4 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 5 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 6 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 7 from 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Saratoga Library**

13650 Saratoga Ave.

Saratoga, CA 95070

Friday, Mar. 1 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 2 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 3 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Monday, Mar. 4 from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

**Woodland Library**

1975 Grant Rd.

Los Altos, CA 94024

Friday, Mar. 1 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 2 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 3 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Monday, Mar. 4 from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

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**About the Office of Emergency Management**

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is at the forefront of ensuring the safety and resilience of the Santa Clara County community. We remain steadfast, and devoted to a core mission - safeguarding lives, protecting property, and preserving the environment. These values form the cornerstone of our existence, guiding us through the phases of emergency management, from emergency preparedness, prevention, and mitigation to the intricate coordination of response and recovery. We envision a future where disaster preparedness is not an individual burden, but a shared responsibility woven into the fabric of our community. This vision extends to every corner of the Operational Area, where we strive for a culture where every resident, every organization, and every entity is prepared.

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