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WINTER STORMS

With the extreme winter weather we are facing, please rest assured the Sacramento County Department of Transportation (SACDOT) is prepared to provide a quick response to flooded roadways and broken traffic signals.

When winter weather hits, crews will respond twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, to clear roadways, remove fallen trees, repair streetlights, fix traffic signal malfunctions and keep traffic moving safely. Flooded roads are monitored and closed when necessary. When roads are flooded, they are posted to the [SACDOT website at this link](#) to allow you to check routes for problem areas.

We need your help, especially during bad weather conditions, to report roadway issues by calling 311 (or 875-4311) or [reporting online at the 311 website](#). You can also report with the 311 app on your phone.

Fallen Trees and Branches: During severe weather conditions, crews may clear just the material in the roadway and move on to the next incident. Additional cleanup work is performed when crews have handled all incidents that require immediate attention. (Note trees or branches that fall on private roads or property are the responsibility of the property owner so please contact a private tree service for fallen trees or branches on your property)

Flooded Roads: Crews respond immediately to flooded roads and attempt to clear what is causing the problem right away. If the flooded road cannot be cleared, signage will be placed to close the road and maintenance crews will work to continue to clear the roadway.

Plugged Culverts (a tunnel carrying a stream or open drain under a road or railroad): If a culvert is plugged, SACDOT crews will flush the culvert until it's clear.

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Traffic Signals Out: Technicians are dispatched immediately to make repairs to traffic signals that are out or malfunctioning.

Downed Street Signs and Stop Signs: Street signs will be replaced as soon as possible. Downed stop signs are a priority and SACDOT's goal is to have them back up within two hours of notification.

Street Lights Out: When reporting a problem, have the pole number or property address available. The pole number can be found on a sticker approximately 8 feet high, usually on the traffic side of the pole.

Plugged Storm Drains (a major cause for localized street flooding): Call 311, give the location and the Department of Water Resources will dispatch crews to remove leaves and/or other debris from the drain.

Sandbag Sites: If your property has a history of flooding, get sandbags in advance at Sacramento County's sandbag self-serve sites. Locations can be found online at the [Department of Water Resources website](#).

If you encounter a downed power line, electrical sparking, or any other emergency that is a danger to yourself or others, please immediately call 911. For any other power outages please report them or verify they are reported to **SMUD at 1-888-456-7683** or on [SMUD's website](#). For any **PG&E outages contact 1-800-743-5000** or report them on [PG&E's website](#).



BECOME A GRAND JUROR

Grand Jury service is often referred to as being a "citizen watchdog" of local government with the crucial role of monitoring and reviewing government actions.

The Sacramento County Superior Court is now accepting applications for Grand Jury service for the next term. To be eligible you must be a U.S. Citizen, at least 18 years old, a resident of Sacramento County, and not currently serving in any elected office. There are several steps to the grand jury selection process. If you are interested in being considered as a grand juror, the first step is to submit the Grand Jury Questionnaire, and if you meet the qualifications to be considered as a grand juror, you will be invited to submit a Grand Jury Application and attend a mandatory Grand Jury Orientation on February 25, 2022. In addition, you will also be required to submit to a background check to be conducted by the Department of Justice. You will then be scheduled for an interview. **The application deadline is January 28, 2022.**

For more information, call the Office of the Civil Grand Jury at 916-874-7578, or go online to the [Sacramento County Grand Jury website](#), where you can also download an application.



PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL RATE INCREASE ON WASTE COLLECTION

The Sacramento County Department of Waste Management and Recycling (County) is proposing a solid waste rate increase for residential customers. You may have seen the proposed residential rate increases and public hearing information that was mailed on December 8, 2021, in compliance with Proposition 218, which requires the County to inform property owners and the customer of record that a

proposed rate increase is being considered. Unfortunately, the current rates do not meet the County's revenue requirement to fund its residential solid waste operations and capital spending obligations. The recommended rate increases would provide sufficient revenues for the County to continue providing residential solid waste and achieve required regulatory compliance with new State regulations. A large portion of the increase is due to recent state legislation, Senate Bill 1383, which requires weekly green and food waste collection as well as new equipment and facility improvements to process these materials.

An independent third party expert, HF&H Consultants, LLC, conducted a comprehensive rate study of the residential solid waste curbside collection services provided by the County. The study analyzed the County's solid waste costs and corresponding service levels based on fiscal year 2021 data and developed a cost of service model to determine a fair-share allocation of costs to customers. A copy of the study is available at the [Residential Curbside Collection page](#).

The proposed rate increases will be for residential customers for weekly collection and can be found on the [Department of Waste Management and Recycling website](#).

If you oppose the proposed rate increase, your protest must be submitted in writing to be considered, even if you plan to participate in the public hearing on **January 25, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.** If written protests are submitted by a majority of customers, the proposed rate increase will not be implemented. Your written protest must be received by the January 25th public hearing.

Send written protests to:

County of Sacramento P.O. Box 277490 Sacramento, CA
95827-9420

Protests must include the customer's name and service address. Protests must be submitted by the property owner or a customer of record of the Sacramento County Department of Waste Management and Recycling. Sacramento County requires protests to be submitted by mail in writing. E-mail, faxed, or photocopied letters will not be accepted.



FAIR OAKS RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT ACTIVITY GUIDE

The Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District (FORPD) is hard at work adding programs to benefit you and your family. The **FORPD has released its new Digital Activity Guide for January through April 2022.** The Guide is a terrific resource for Fair Oaks and surrounding communities for upcoming events, classes, and programs like preschool, sports, dance, childcare and more. **The Digital Activity Guide can be found at the following link: [Fair Oaks Recreation & Park District Activity Guide: January - April 2022 by forpd - Issuu](#)**

For more information about the Park District or available activities, please visit the [FORPD website](#).

FAIR OAKS RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT

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JANUARY - APRIL 2022 ACTIVITY GUIDE



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RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Give your 2021 holiday tree the proper send-off and a new, beneficial life as mulch or biofuel to generate electricity! [Residents can drop off their live holiday tree for recycling](#) in January.

To be recycled, trees must be free of tinsel, lights, decorations, nails and stands. Flocked trees will be accepted, but cannot be recycled and will go to the landfill.

Hours and locations of participating drop off locations are:

SMUD Corporation Yard, 6100 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento, CA. January 8, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.--Free with a five tree limit per vehicle

[Kiefer Landfill](#), 12701 Kiefer Boulevard, Sloughouse, CA. January 8 - 9, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. --Facility fees will apply for loads of six or more trees.

[North Area Recovery Station](#), 4450 Roseville Road, North Highlands, CA. January 8 - 9, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.--Facility fees will apply for loads of six or more trees.

[Elder Creek Recovery and Transfer](#), 8642 Elder Creek Road, Sacramento, CA. January 8, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.--Check with location for any restrictions/fees.

[Sacramento Recycling and Transfer Station](#), 8491 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento, CA. Monday – Saturday, December 27 – January 8, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.-- Check with location for any restrictions/fees.

[Dan Russell Rodeo Arena, Rodeo Park](#), end of Stafford Street, Folsom, CA. January 8, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.--Check with location for any restrictions/fees.

Loads in excess of five trees will only be accepted at Elder Creek Recovery & Transfer, Dan Russell Rodeo Arena, Kiefer Landfill, and the North Area Recovery Station. Facility fees may apply.

[Secure Your Load! It's the law.](#) Loads must be properly covered or secured.

County residents can also recycle their live holiday trees (all decorations removed) by cutting it up and placing it in the curbside green waste cart. Please make sure the lid will close. The cart will be emptied on your regular green waste collection day. Flocked trees can be cut up and placed in the garbage cart for curbside collection. Please do not put holiday trees on curbs or roadsides!

For more information please visit the [Waste Management and Recycling website](#) or email sacgreenteam@saccounty.net.



GOT SANDBAGS?

Sacramento County is operating “Self-Serve” Sandbag Sites at various locations during this Winter Storm Season.

The Department of Water Resources supplies the sand and bags, but you need to remember to bring your own shovel. There are no staff on site to assist.

As of this column’s publication deadline, three locations are open that the public can access:

- County Branch Center at 3847 Branch Center Road
- Orangevale Community Center at 6826 Hazel Avenue
- Westside Park at 6555 West 2nd Street

Additional Sandbag Sites may open depending upon weather forecasts and the possibility of flooding to occur.

If your property has a history of flooding or recurring standing water each year (such as water building up at the garage or back patio for example), you are encouraged to get sandbags in advance of the rain and have them on hand throughout the winter. Sandbags and sand also are available, inexpensively, at most hardware and home improvement stores.

For more information, please visit the [Sacramento County Department of Water Resources website](#).



HOMELESS POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

Volunteer registration for the 2022 Homeless Point-In-Time Count is now open. The Sacramento region conducts a count of unsheltered people experiencing homelessness every other year, as mandated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Led by Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF), this Point-In-Time (PIT) count provides valuable data on the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, as well as trends in subpopulation demographics such as veteran status, chronic homelessness, and transition age youth.

The PIT count is a community-wide effort made possible by the incredible support of many volunteers and partners. Your help is important to capture this crucial community data. You can get involved in various activities such as street canvassing, count and surveying, site set up/clean up, volunteer check in/check out, and more! Please join us on the evenings of Wednesday, January 26, and Thursday, January 27, 2022.

Volunteering does not require any prior experience, but you must be 18 years of age or older; be fully vaccinated against COVID-19; be healthy and not display any cold/flu/COVID-19 symptoms; be willing/able to use personal supplies such as flashlights and smartphones; be willing to travel by foot or car; and attend the required training. For more information, please [visit the Sacramento Steps Forward website](#). You can register for the Point-In-Time Count by visiting the site, [About — Sacramento Steps Forward — Timecounts](#)



2022 Point-In-Time Count

January 26-27, 2022

timecounts.org/sacstepsforward

Register Now!

HELP THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SOLVE

CRIMES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Help improve the odds of solving crimes by participating in the **Sheriff's Electronic Eye (S.E.E.) Camera Registry Program**. The S.E.E. Program allows citizens and business owners to register the locations of their video surveillance systems with the Sheriff's Department. **When a crime occurs, the Sheriff's Department will be able to identify the locations of video surveillance systems and enlist the assistance of citizens to help collect video evidence.**

Using the geographic locations of the registered cameras, the Sheriff's Department will be able to directly email citizens in an area in which a crime occurred. A common email to a geographic area may ask citizens to check their video surveillance systems for a specific date and time for video capturing a suspect, getaway car, a crime, etc. If the citizen finds any possible video evidence, they can contact the Sheriff's S.E.E. Program to make arrangements for video retrieval.

Citizens and business owners who register with the S.E.E. Program receive a window sticker to show they are participating in the program.

For more information or to answer questions, please contact the Sheriff's Department at see@sacsheriff.com.

