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**-FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-**

**HANFORD, CA**

## **Winter Storm Warning**

The National Weather Service is forecasting a significant winter storm for the State of California that will impact Kings County Wednesday, January 4, 2023 and continuing through the afternoon of Thursday, January 5, 2023. It is expected to bring hazardous weather conditions, including heavy rainfall and high winds.

### **Travel safety**

Safety comes first. If you need to travel, use extreme caution when on the roadways. Motorists should not cross standing water when the depth cannot be ascertained. Be on the lookout for stalled vehicles, downed trees and areas prone to flooding. Plan additional time for travel to all destinations in and around the Central Valley.

Check this website for current information on road conditions and closures:

Download the QuickMap app or visit [QuickMap \(ca.gov\)](https://www.quickmap.ca.gov) to learn up-to-the-minute information on road conditions, traffic, closures, chain control, and more.

### **Power Outages**

Take inventory of the items you need that rely on electricity. Plan for batteries and other alternative power sources to meet your needs if the power goes out such as a portable charger or power bank. Have flashlights for every household member. Determine whether your home phone will work in a power outage and how long battery backup will last.

### **Generator Safety**

Portable back-up generators produce the poison gas carbon monoxide (CO). CO is an odorless, colorless gas that kills without warning. It claims the lives of hundreds of people every year and makes thousands more ill. Follow these steps to keep your family safe.

When using Portable Generators:

- Never use a generator inside your home or garage, even if doors and windows are open.
- Only use generators outside, more than 20 feet away from your home, doors, and windows.

## **Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors**

- Install battery-operated or battery back-up CO detectors near every sleeping area in your home.
- Check CO detectors regularly to be sure they are functioning properly.

## **Emergency Alerts**

Californians are reminded to dial 3-1-1 to get help or ask questions. Residents are asked to report non-life-threatening storm issues to 311, such as:

- Clogged catch basins
- Non-life-threatening street and residential flooding
- Sewer backups or wastewater odors
- Downed trees

If you have a critical emergency, call 911.

The Kings County Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Services would like to remind the public when storm runoff occurs causing flooding; contaminants such as animal waste, salt, pesticides and petroleum products can potentially be within the flood water.

Additional information regarding flood water safety and preparation can be found at the website for CDC Natural Disasters and Severe Weather <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/floods/index.html>.