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WITH NEXT ROUND OF WINTER STORMS ON THE WAY, DOUGLAS COUNTY URGES RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO EVALUATE AND PREPARE

Minden, NV – During a short break in the winter storms this weekend, Douglas County urges residents and businesses to take stock of their precipitation defense plans and evaluate additional steps that may need to be taken. According to the US National Weather Service (NWS) in Reno, “A Winter Storm Warning and a Winter Storm Watch have been issued for northeast California, the Sierra Nevada, and the Eastern Sierra for heavy snow. The Winter Storm Warning is in effect from 4 a.m. Saturday, January 7 to 4 a.m. Monday, January 9. The Winter Storm Watch is in effect from 4 a.m. Monday, January 9 to 4 a.m. Wednesday, January 11.”

Douglas County wants to urge all residents to prepare in advance for the upcoming storms. Avoid unnecessary travel and have emergency plans in place in case of power outages, flooding, and dangerous snow conditions. Residents with children that need formula, diapers, or other essential supplies are encouraged to purchase these items in advance of the storm. In addition, warming centers around the county are on standby and ready to open to the public if needed. Visit douglascountynv.gov for an updated list of warming centers.

FLOOD RESOURCES

Updated Sandbag Locations (Don't forget to bring your own shovel!)

Sheridan Fire Station

980 Sheridan Ln., Gardnerville

Genoa Fire Station

2298 Main St., Genoa

Johnson Lane Fire Station

1450 Stephanie Ln., Minden

Fish Springs Fire Station

2249 Fish Springs Rd., Gardnerville

Ruhenstroth Fire Station

2008 Pinto Cir., Gardnerville

Support Services Center (East Fork Fire)

940 Mitch Dr. (Across from Station 7), Gardnerville

Highland Way at the Large Water Tank

Holbrook Highlands Area, Gardnerville

Snow Load Concerns

- With the snow accumulating water from the recent rain, structures can be under an incredible amount of stress from the weight. It is imperative the property owner recognize the signs of heavy loads and snow accumulation. For more information visit our [flood resources](#).

Livestock and Pets

- Providing adequate water to livestock is critical for animal health and production. With freezing temperatures, ensure your livestock has access to an unfrozen water source. For more information visit our [flood resources](#).
- In addition, make sure your livestock and pets have all the food and supplies they will need. Douglas County Animal Services is up and running if any animal needs arise. For more information call 775-782-9061.

Home & Safety

- If able, allow indoor sinks to trickle. Running water helps prevent pipes from freezing
- Know where the water shutoff valve is and how to open and close it
- If your house is flooding, turn off the water valve and immediately call 911
- If your power goes out, do not use a gas stove or oven to heat your home, Use a generator, but only outdoors and away from windows
- Have sandbags on hand in case of flooding. Clearing snow creates pathways for moving water. Assess how a flood would impact your home and have a plan in place to respond
- Do not, under any circumstances, remove a manhole cover. This will not cause a flooded road to drain, and is extremely dangerous and destructive
- When your natural gas meter is covered with snow and ice, it can create a potentially dangerous situation. The melting snow from your roof or eaves can drip onto your meter possibly blocking the vent on your meter's regulator. A blocked vent on your meter could build up gas pressure that can expel gas back into your home or potentially cut gas flow and prevent your appliances and furnace from working properly. If there is snow on the meter, gently brush it clean with your hands or a broom. For more information visit our [flood resources](#).

Be Prepared

- Purchase in advance all the necessary groceries, supplies, and tools to clear sidewalks and driveways, uncover your car, and keep all passageways clear
- Be sure you have a way to clear snow, including a snow shovel, snow blower with gas, and salt or sand to pre-treat the driveway and sidewalks. A push broom can be helpful for removing snow from vehicles and gas meters

For more information on how Douglas County is responding to current impacts related to the storm visit our [webpage](#).
