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### STORM RESOURCES UPDATE

MERCED – Dry weather is forecasted through Wednesday, but a series of storms are projected to bring moderate to heavy rainfall beginning Thursday and into at least Monday. It's important that residents use this short break in the rainfall to prepare for the next weather system.

High flows along the Merced and San Joaquin rivers are anticipated to continue in the coming days, with significant impacts to the northwest-side of Merced County. Residents are urged to remain clear of any waterways affected by recent storms.

Clear out gutters and culverts around homes, prepare sandbags if necessary, and sign up for the Merced County Emergency Alert System. Please follow all emergency signage and don't drive on flooded roadways.

### RESOURCE REMINDERS:

- Resource Center at Le Grand Fire Station: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday
- Merced County Office of Emergency Services 24-hour information hotline: **209-385-7379**
- Any impacts to the agricultural community can be reported by calling the on-duty biologist at the Merced County Agricultural Commissioner's Office during normal business hours: **209-385-7431**
- Flood Safety Checklist: <http://web2.co.merced.ca.us/pdfs/news/2017/Flood-Safety-Checklist.html>
- Residential wells affected by floodwaters need to be disinfected before they can be safely used again. For information on well disinfection, follow this link: [www.countyofmerced.com/disinfectingwells](http://www.countyofmerced.com/disinfectingwells)
- Information on mold/moisture in the home (California Department of Public Health): [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/IAQ/Documents/MMIMH\\_English\\_201610.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/IAQ/Documents/MMIMH_English_201610.pdf)
- Information on restoring flooded buildings (Federal Emergency Management Act): [http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/environmental\\_health/eoha/pdf/fema\\_initialrestorationfloodbldg.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/environmental_health/eoha/pdf/fema_initialrestorationfloodbldg.pdf)
- Red Cross:  
National Hotline ..... **1-855-891-7325** (English and Spanish)  
Fresno Hotline ..... **1-559-455-1000 ext. 6601**

Sandbags will remain available in the Counties and Cities. Visit [www.countyofmerced.com](http://www.countyofmerced.com) for sandbag information. To sign up for Merced County emergency alerts, visit [www.countyofmerced.com/alert](http://www.countyofmerced.com/alert).

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